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Ringing In The Republic

The Example Of Sri Krishna

NEW DELHI, Jan. 24 (PTI).

Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of the Constituent Assembly and President-elect of the Indian Republic, today expressed his dislike of adulatory speeches.

He said in the Assembly, "I am reminded of a story in the "Mahabharat" which is so full of piquant situations and Sri Krishna's solutions to apparently insoluable problems. One day, Arjun took a vow that he would perform a certain thing before the sunset on that day and if he did not succeed, he would burn himself on a pyre. Unfortunately, he did not succeed and then the problem arose as to what was to be done. He would have had to burn himself according to the vow. This was, of course, unthinkable so far as the Pandavas were concerned, but Arjun was adamant.

Sri Krishna solved this problem saying, "If you praised yourself or listened to your praises by others, that would be equivalent to committing suicide and burning yourself. So you better submit to that and your vow will be fulfilled".

"Very often", said Dr. Rajendra Prasad, "I have listened to such speeches in that spirit".

DR. PRASAD ELECTED INDIAN PRESIDENT

271 Members Sign The Constitution

NEW DELHI, Jan. 24. (PTI).

THE final session of the Constituent Assembly today unanimously elected Dr. Rajendra Prasad as the first President of the Indian Republic.

Thunderous cheers greeted the announcement of the election, quickly followed by a note of solemnity as Prime Minister Nehru offered his "respectful congratulations" and pledged his loyalty and fealty to the Republic of which Dr. Rajendra Prasad would be the honoured President.

Pandit Nehru and the Deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Patel, emphasised the tasks ahead of the Republic. Sardar Patel made a moving call for unity. "May all of us "the Sardar prayed, "swim together in the stormy seas that we have to cross in the future".

Dr. H. C. Mookerjee, Mr. Hussain Imam and Mr. Muniswami Pillay joined in the tributes paid to Dr. Prasad, Many more would have spoken but for the visible embarrassment caused to the President by the warmth of the tribute.

Replying to the congratulations, Dr. Prasad said: "We have after a long struggle reached one stage. Now another stage begins'

MEMBERS SIGN

Earlier, Dr. Rajendra Prasad made a carefully-worded statement on the National Anthem 'Jana Gana Mana', he said, would be used for official purposes as the National Anthem and 'Vande Mataram would be qually honoured.

After the President had certified the Hindi version of the Constitution, 271 members signed three deep-blue, illuminated parchment copies of the historic document.

One of them, printed in English is fully bound and complete. The two others—calligraphed Hindi and English copies—are not yet complete. Pandit Nehru signed first, followed by the Congress President, Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya.

At 1-20 p.m. Dr. Rajendra Prasad appended his signature to the parchment copies.

Among those who did not sign copies today were Maulana Hasrat Mohani, Seth Damodar Swarup, the only Socialist member of the Assembly, and Sardar Hukum Singh, the Akali leader.

Before the House adjourned sine die, Smt. Purnima Banerji sang 'Jana Gana Mana' and Pandit Lakshmi Kanta Maitra 'Vande Mataram'.

On January 26, the House automatically becomes the provisional Parliament of the Republic.

NO DISRESPECT

Two Socialist members of the Constituent Assembly have stated that their inability to affix their signatures to the Constitution did not mean any disrespect to the Constitution 'so long as it is in force".

In a statement issued today, Messrs. Damodar Swarup Seth and Sarangdhar Das said: "We are unable to affix our signatures to the new Constitution of India, because to our deep sorrow and despair. The guiding principles at its base are largely those which gave a framework to foreign rule.'

DR. SOEKARNO IN DELHI

NEW DELHI, Jan. 24, (PTI): Dr. I. R. Soekarno, President, Republic Indonesia Serikat, will address the Members of the Indian Parliament at the Council House on Wednesday evening.

Dr. Soekarno who is here to attend the inauguration of the Republic of India, will also broadcast a message on January 27. The Indonesian President and his wife will attend all the functions on the Republican Day including the banquet at Government House.

Dr. Soekarno will place a wreath on Mahatma Gandhi's samadhi at Rajghat on January 27.

Mixed Up With The Aga Khan Hold-Up

Nearly a dozen people have so far been arrested on suspicion of being connected with the hold-up of the Aga Khan and the Begum in France last August. A-hunt for rest of the gang is still on. Pictures shows four of the suspects: Top L to R: Paul Mondoloni and Roger Benanedj; Bottom L to R: Charles Vinceleori and Pierre Lega.

'FAMINE POCKETS' IN SOUTH INDIA

Rains Fail For Third Successive Year

MADRAS, Jan. 24. (PTI).

THE failure of the north-east monsoon this year—third in succession—has "pretty seriously" affected food production and created many "famine pockets" in the Tamilnad districts of the Province, high official of the Civil Supplies and Agriculture Departments stated here today.

The districts where drought conditions prevail are South Arcot, North Arcot, Trichinopoly, Tinnevelly, Ramnad, Madura, Salem and Coimbatore.

Malabar, South Kanara, Chittoor, and to some extent, Tanjore—the granary of South India—are also affected by the failure of the monsoon.

An official spokesman summing up the situation told the Press Trust of India that the extent of damage to food crops in the affected districts ranged between 20 and 60 per cent, the worst-hit being South Arcot where even scarcity of drinking water prevailed.

NO BENGAL FAMINE

He described the famine conditions prevailing in parts of Tamilnad as "unprecedented". He, however, said the situation could not be compared with the Bengal famine. "For we have the advantage of an efficient rationing machinery for distribution of food. If we provide alternate employment to agriculture labour, thrown out of cultivation work, they would be able to purchase their food requirements', he said.

An official of the Agriculture Department feared this year's lack of rains would off-set seriously the implementation of several schemes under 'Grow More Food Campaign'. He thought it would not be possible for the province to reach self-sufficiency in food by 1951—the target fixed by the Government of India—owing to the hold-up of the progress of the three-year revised food production programme of the Madras Government.

NEW DELHI, Jan. 24, (PTI)- Pilgrims proceeding to Hardwar or Mathura by railway to attend the forthcoming Kumbha Mela will have to pay a terminal tax, varying according to the class they travel.

THE BOMBAY CHRONICLE
Special Republic Supplement
The Bombay Chronicle will be closed on Thursday, January 26, 1950. There will be no issue of the Bombay Chronicle on Friday, January 27. A Special Republic supplement of eight pages is being issued free with the issue of 26, 1950.

Tories Not So Confident Now!

ELECTION JITTERS

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, Jan. 24.

Over 400 Tory candidates received their battle orders today. They have been asked to stress Conservative support for a programme of full employment, provision of homes for all cheaper and more abundant food, reliefs in taxation and abolition of needless controls.

The Tory battle cry is: "Make Great Britain greater."

The moral of the rank and file, however is not excellent, many of them being oppressed by a feeling of defeatism. They openly say that Socialists would be returned with a narrow majority.

Labour too is preparing for the electoral battle. Mr. Morrison gave a pep talk to Labour candidates asking them to go all out in their effort to secure Labour's return to power. Candidates will say as little as possible about nationalisation and avoid issues which will antagonise the middle classes.

ELEPHANT FIGHTS BEARS IN COLOMBO

Mahouts' Intervention Saves Latter

COLOMBO, Jan. 24 (PTI): A Ceylon elephant staged a brief battle with a pack of Tibetan bears on board the S.S. "Mabel Ryan" at the Colombo harbour recently.

Kadira, the elephant, charged at the bears and would have mauled them to death but for the timely intervention of William and Somapala, the Ceylonese "mahouts".

It was stated that the elephant, normally docile, was frightened by a barking dog.

There was quite a commotion on board the ship when the elephant broke loose.

Kadira and four other elephants belonging to the Colombo Zoo were being shipped to Buenos Aires in exchange for valuable exhibits from South America.

Besides the elephants, Ceylon also sent to Buenos Aires Zoo an assortment of other tropical exhibits—panthers, leopards and cobras.

11 CARRIED AWAY BY AVALANCHE

Tragedy In Gurez Valley

SRINAGAR, Jan. 24 (UPI)—Eleven persons are reported to have been carried away by an avalanche at Zadikhusi in Gurez Valley situated to the north of Kashmir. Their dead bodies are said to have been extricated. Dead persons include one mail overseer and a Naib Tehsildar of Gurez.

Further details are awaited.

BUS DASHES AGAINST TREE: ONE KILLED

JUBBULPORE, Jan. 24 (UPI)—One passenger was killed and another seriously injured when a motor bus while proceeding from Saugor to Deori dashed against a road side tree as a result of a tyre burst.

The Constitution Can Be Read For 1,000 Years!

NEW DELHI, Jan. 24 (PTI).

INDIA'S Republican Constitution which the Members of the Constituent Assembly signed today weighs over 40 pounds. Printed on vellum parchment papers, the historic document in English contained 280 pages for the articles and schedules and is expected to be indelible for over a thousand years.

Two other volumes, hand-written by special calligraphists are not yet complete, although signed by the Members. They contain pages whose borders are illuminated in gold-like Moghul paintings. These two volumes, one in English and the other in Hindi, will be sent to Santiniketan where under the direction of Nandalal Bose, the first pages of each chapter and schedules will be painted with pictures depicting the epoch of various periods in Indian History.

INDONESIAN ARMY POURS INTO BANDUNG

Dutch Game In West Java: Defence Ministry's Charge

BANDUNG, Jan. 24 (PTI-Reuter).

MOTORISED infantry and airborne Commandos of the Indonesian Army poured into Bandung, biggest city in West Jarva, today without opposition a few hours after "Turco" Westerling's "Army of the Heavenly Host" had withdrawn.

The city—held within 24 hours by Indonesians, "Heavenly Host", Dutch, and Indonesians again—carried on uneasily, wondering whether Westerling's private army, believed to be in the mountains north-west of Bandung, would return to the attack.

Dutch troops entering the city on duty greeted the lorryloads of Indonesian reinforcements with shouts of "Merdeka" (liberty) as they drove by.

The Dutch Area Commander in West Java, General Engles, said today the Dutch in Bandung had taken control of the city after the rebels' withdrawal to protect themselves and the European community.

"Anything might have happened if we had not been there", he said.

General Engles said Westerling's Commander had agreed to withdraw to avoid chaos.

DUTCH GAME

The Indonesian Defence Ministry in Djakarta said in a communique today that attempts to return to normal conditions in West Java were "being made difficult by the Dutch".

It said Dutch authorities had been warned about possible desertions by Dutch soldiers awaiting repatriation, but they had never taken any action although it was publicly known that the West Java movement was getting bigger and bigger".

On the morning of January 23, in the presence of three United Nations military observers, "the Dutch Commander declared he could not take action against members of the Dutch Forces who were at present mutinous".

This confused situation was cleared once shooting began within the city, the communique said.

"At noon yesterday, General Engles the Dutch Commander forwarded to the Indonesian Commander a proposal from the rebel forces offering to hold [illegible]. The proposal was rejected by the Indonesian Army. At five p.m., the rebel forces left the city in a northerly direction."

Sixty Indonesian soldiers were killed or wounded in the fighting, Chief of Staff Colonel Simatupang announced. A Dutch Army spokesman said about 50 Dutch Commandos and parachutists who had deserted to Westerling had voluntarily returned to duty after Westerling's withdrawal. They had been arrested and flown to Djakarta to await disciplinary action.

About 100 Indonesian Army deserters who jointed Westerling some weeks ago also reported back to their authorities for duty. After the local Indonesian Commander's protest to General Engles that Dutch "intermission" had prevented Indonesians from driving Westerling's troops from Bandung yesterday, the Dutch today confined all troops to barracks from 2 p.m. local time.

Some neutral military observers said the Indonesian charges were unfounded and that they were militarily defeated by Westerling who withdrew in good order at the advice of the Dutch Command mediating as requested by the Indonesian Government.

HAGUE DENIAL

The Hague official quarters here declared today there was no question of the Dutch Army authorities being in league with West Java rebel leader "Turco" Westerling or even of their having "permitted" him to take Bandung yesterday.

These quarters would make no definite statement, claiming that they had as yet no detailed information. They suggested that the local Indonesian authorities had asked the Dutch Forces to prevent looting and protect lives and property in Bandung after Westerling's attack, and this the Dutch Commander had apparently agreed to do temporarily.

COMMUNIST STRIKE CALL UNHEEDED

Mills Work As Usual

BOMBAY, Tuesday: Mills and workshops in Bombay were working normally today despite the call given by the Communist-dominated Bombay Provincial Trade Union Congress for a one-day strike for today in observance of the "Anti-Constitution Day".

Nine Communist trade unionists including Mr. J. S. Mahinkar, Assistant Secretary of the B.P.T.U.C. were arrested today.

SMUTS CHARGES MALAN WITH FRAUD

South African Constitution Being Flouted

CAPETOWN, Jan. 24 (PTI-Reuter).

GENERAL JAN SMUTS, United Party leader, today tabled a no-confidence motion in the Government of Dr. Daniel Malan in the South African Parliament. General Smuts accused Dr. Malan of carrying out a "fraudulent policy".

It had clearly been the Government's intention to carry out the Apartheid (segregation) policy, especially in respect of the political rights of coloured and native peoples, General Smuts claimed. "The policy has not been carried out and it cannot be carried out by that party, that coalition, and by the Government which is ruling the country today," he added.

The Government's real policy was one of tampering with the political rights of natives and coloured peoples in spite of the South African Constitution.

The Government had been unable to implement its policy legislatively last year, it could not do it this year and would not be able to do it next year, General Smuts said.

WAIT, SAYS MALAN

Here the Prime Minister interjected "You will have much of it this year".

CLASH WITH REFUGEES

CALCUTTA, Jan. 24 (PTI): About half a dozen persons were injured and several huts burnt in a clash between a group of East Bengal refugees and the local people in a village in Baranagore police area in 24 Parganas last night.

The refugees, it is stated, had erected huts on a playground to which the local boys objected and wanted the refugees to move elsewhere. From wordy duells, the two groups soon came to a clash in which villagers sided with the boys, several persons being injured.

Following this, some of the huts of the refugees were set on fire and destroyed. The police soon arrived on the spot and made a number of arrests.

MILK PRODUCTS FOR ICE CREAM

BOMBAY, Tuesday (UPI): The Government of Bombay has suspended the operation of their order prohibiting the use of milk cream and other milk products, etc. in the distribution of ice cream or 'kulfi-malai' prepared out of such articles in the Bombay rationed area on 26th and 27th January, 1950 in a press note issued by the Bombay Government tonight.

PERMANENT PERMITS TO 11,458 HINDUS

KARACHI, Jan. 24 (UPI)—The Pakistan permit issuing authorities have so far issued permanent permits for 11,458 Hindus, and in addition to this, temporary permits of 900 Hindus have been converted into permanent ones, says a spokesman of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of Pakistan.

PAKISTAN-BOUND GOODS WAGONS HELD UP

CALCUTTA, Jan. 24 (PTI): One hundred and three sealed railway wagons containing personal luggage of the Pakistan railway employees on way to East Bengal have been detained for inspection by the Indian authorities following recovery, from some of the employees, of punching machines and fan regulators belonging to Indian railways it was learnt here today.

These employees were leaving for Eastern Pakistan after the Government of India had taken over charge of the Haldibari-Siliguri section of the EIR between West Bengal and Assam, which was, since partition, being run by the Pakistan authorities by arrangement with India.

One of the employees was taken into custody on a charge of possessing some revolver cartridges and a case under the Indian Arms Act has been started against him.

20 TRAINS CANCELLED

DACCA: The Traffic Manager, East-

that due to stoppage of the supply of coal by India to Pakistan, it had been necessary to cancel immediately about 20 trains including the North Bengal Express, Dacca Passenger and Goalundo-Sealdah Passenger.

The joint steamer companies have also announced curtailment of several services with effect from January 23 "in view of the reduction of through passenger services and in order to conserve coal".

ASSAM RAIL-LINK

NEW DELHI: The first through passenger train on the newly-constructed 142-mile Assam rail link will leave Calcutta at 6-30 p.m., Wednesday.

The eight and a half crore-rupee project was completed in December last, four and a half months ahead of schedule and the first goods service on this line was started on December 9.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS from the candidates possessing Bombay Domicile and non-Muslim displaced persons from Pakistan are invited for the temporary post of technician. The scale of pay is Rs. 120-8-200-10-250 plus Dearness Allowance. Candidates should be Science Graduates with Microbiology as principal subject. Laboratory experience in biological work will be an additional qualification. Applicants should not be over 28 years of age on the date of appointment. Applications stating date of birth, domicile, educational qualifications and experience should be sent to the DIRECTOR, HAFFKINE INSTITUTE, PAREL, BOMBAY 12, so as to reach not later than 10th February, 1950. Applications received in response to this advertisement alone will be considered and correspondence will be entertained only in case of candidates selected for appointment. (6983)

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

The BANK will be CLOSED on MONDAY, the 30th January, 1950, that day being a Public Holiday (MAHATMA GANDHI DAY) under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

C. W. MIDDLETON,
Secretary & Treasurer.

Bombay, 20th January, 1950. 6976

PUBLIC NOTICES

BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

No. 29058|151.—The Commissioner of Police, Bombay, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 22 of the City of Bombay Police Act, 1902 (Bom. IV of 1902), is hereby pleased to direct that his Notification No. 20720|151, dated 24th August 1948, issued under clause (b) of sub-section (1) of the said section and published on pages 4069-70 in the BOMBAY GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, Part I, dated 2nd September 1948, shall forthwith be cancelled so far as it relates to the closure of Sheikh Memon Street to North-bound vehicular traffic, i.e. no entry from Princess Street (rule 92).

K. D. BILLIMORIA,
Commissioner of Police, Bombay.
Head Police Office,
Bombay, 28th December, 1949.

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POLICE NOTICE.

ILLUMINATION OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS ON THE OCCASION OF THE INAUGURATION OF THE INDIAN REPUBLIC.

Traffic Regulations on the 26th and 27th January 1950 between 6.00 p. m. and 12 midnight.
(Section 23(1) of Act IV of 1902

1. SOUTH BOUND VEHICULAR TRAFFIC will proceed along Carnac Road (West), Crawford Market, Head Police Office Building, Hornby Road, Bhatia Baug, Fort Street, Mint Road, Town Hall, Elphinstone Circle (South), Churchgate Street, Mahatma Gandhi Road, P. W. D. Building, Cowasji Jehangir Hall, Museum, Mayo Road, Council Hall, Apollo Pier Road, Gateway of India, Strand Road, Arthur Bunder Road, Colaba Causeway (South).

2. NORTH BOUND VEHICULAR TRAFFIC will proceed along Kittridge Road, Wodehouse Road, Over Wodehouse Bridge, Cooperage Road, Past Band Stand, Mayo Road, (Secretariat and High Courts) Churchgate Street (West) Queen's Road.

3. Kalbadevi Road will be open to south bound traffic only.

4. Girgaum Road will be open to north bound traffic only.

5. Vehicular traffic will not be allowed to turn round or reverse on any of the roads mentioned above.

6. Vehicular traffic may break away from the route by turning into any side street on the left hand side of the route laid down above.

K. D. BILLIMORIA.
Commissioner of Police
Head Police Office,
Bombay, 23rd January, 1950.

(6984)

TENDER NOTICE

TENDERS ARE RE-INVITED from approved contractors for the work of 'SPECIAL REPAIRS TO ROADS IN SANTA CRUZ AIRPORT' Estimated cost Rs. 52,451/- and earnest money Rs. 2,623/- Tenders will be received by the undersigned upto 3 P. M. on 31-1-1950 and will be opened at 3-15 p. m. on the same day. Tender documents may be obtained from the office of the undersigned on payment of Rs. 5/4/0 upto 1-30 p.m. on 28-1-50.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
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In the matter of the INDIAN COMPANIES ACT VII OF 1913
and
In the matter of the ASSOCIATED BAKERIES AND DAIRIES LTD. (In Vol. Liquidation).

AT AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company duly convened, and held at Bombay on the 23rd day of January, 1950, the following resolution was proposed and passed as a special resolution, viz: "that the abovenamed Company be wound up voluntarily and Mr. HOSHANG N. MEHTA of the firm of Messrs. Mehta Dhanbhoora and Co. be and he is hereby appointed the Liquidator of the Company for the purpose of such winding up.

Bombay, 24th Jany. 1950.
S. S. MISTRI.
Chairman.

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CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

SEALED TENDERS are invited from registered C.P.W.D. Electrical Contractors for the work of "Providing E.I. and strengthening Mains in the B.O.Rs. Barracks converted into Residential Quarters and attached bathrooms and lavatories at Santa Cruz Airport, Bombay." Tenders will be received upto 3 P.M. on the 10th February, 1950. The approximate cost of the work is Rs. 18,340/-.

Copies of Tender documents can be had from the undersigned on all working days between 11 A.M. and 4 P.M. from 1st February 1950 on payment of Rupees Five and Annas Four only (Rs. 5-4-0) which will not be refunded and on furnishing proof that the firm is in the approved list of C.P.W.D. Contractors.

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Electrical Engineer,
Aviation Electrical Division,
Bombay.

R.A.F. Barracks,
Vile Parle, Bombay-24.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

No. 29055|151-Impt.—The following draft of a Notification which it is proposed to issue under clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 22 of the City of Bombay Police Act, 1902 (Bom. IV of 1902), is published as required by sub-section (2) of the said section for the information of persons likely to be affected thereby and notice is hereby given that any objections or suggestions which may be received in writing by the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, from any person or persons with regard to the said draft on or before the 13th February, 1950, will be duly considered:—

DRAFT NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 22 of the City of Bombay Police Act, 1902, the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, makes the following new rule:—

"Rule 21 (d).—No horse-drawn vehicle shall be permitted to pass along Sheikh Memon Street between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 Noon & 4 p.m. and 6 p.m."

K. D. BILLIMORIA,
Commissioner of Police, Bombay.
Head Police Office,
Bombay, 28th December, 1949.

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NOTICE

In the matter of the INDIAN COMPANIES ACT 1913.
And
In the matter of ARDITTI AND CO., LTD.
To,
The Creditors of Arditti and Co., Ltd.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 209A of the Indian Companies Act 1913, that a meeting of the creditors of Arditti and Co., Ltd. will be held at the office of Messrs. Craigie Blunt and Caroe, Solicitors, in Standard Building, Hornby Road, Bombay, on Saturday, the 11th day of February 1950 at 9-45 a.m. (S.T.) for the purpose of considering the Directors statement of the position of the Company's affairs and appointing a Liquidator for the purpose of winding up the affairs and distributing the assets of the Company.

Dated the 23rd day of January, 1950.

C. N. CAROE
Chairman.
Board of Directors
Arditti and Co. Ltd.

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EMPIRE OF INDIA LIFE ASSURANCE CO., LTD.
BOMBAY

NOTICE HAVING BEEN GIVEN of the loss of Policy numbered 245428 on the life of Nariman Maneckji Pohwalla of Bombay, a fresh policy in lieu thereof will be issued unless objection is lodged with the Company within one month from this date.

Bombay 25th January 1950.
ROSHANLAL,
General Manager.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DARABSHAW NUSSERWANJI LELINWALLA of Bombay Parsi inhabitant has contracted for the absolute sale to our clients of his undivided one third share in the undermentioned leasehold property. All persons, therefore, having or claiming any right, title or interest in or to the said property or any part thereof, whether by way of inheritance, bequest, trust, possession, gift, sale, mortgage, charge, llen, lease, or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make such claims known in writing to the undersigned at their Office, No. 113, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from this date, otherwise the said sale will be completed without reference to any such claims, and all such claims, if any, will be considered as waived.

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Dated this 24th day of January, 1950.

F. M. DALAL.
For Ardesir Hormusji
Dinshaw & CO.
Purchasers' Attorneys.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that notices have been given under Section 36(m) and (n) of the Municipal Act, for motions to the following effect being placed before the Corporation when the Budget Estimates 'C' for the year 1950-51 are discussed:—

1. By Mr. G. G. Mehta, seconded by Mr. Dinkar D. Desai — For making a provision of Rs. 10 lakhs for providing quarters for the B. E. S. & T. Workers.

2. By Mr. F. M. Pinto, seconded by Mr. M. Madhavan— For changing the nomenclature of the Budget head 'Independence Day Bonus into that of "Independence Day and other Holiday Bonus" and making a provision of Rs. 6 lakhs under that head.

3. By Mr. G. G. Mehta, seconded by Mr. Adam Adil—For increasing by Rs. 10 thousand the provision for payment of special contribution to Provident Fund (Gratuity).

By Order of His Worship the Mayor,

C. F. D'Souza.
Ag. Municipal Secretary.

Municipal Corporation Office,
Bombay, 24th January 1950
(6985)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that BAI SHEVANTIBAI, wife of Govindrao Ramnath Mahimker, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client JAGIRSINGH RAMDUTT.

ALL persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at All Chambers, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 10 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land at Oart named "Bhiderras" of Pension and Tax Tenure with Cutcha sheds and Cocoanut trees and Well therein situate, lying and being on the Eastern side of Public passage near Manmala Tank in the Island and Registration Sub-District of Bombay and containing by admeasurement 5922 sq. yds. or thereabouts (being the moiety of original area 11844 sq. yds.) on the Northern side of the said Oart, be the same a little more or less and registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 246, New No. 3922 and New Survey No. 138 and bearing Ca. S. No. 444(part) of Mahim Division and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Bombay Municipality under G Ward Nos. 4030(1), 4030 (2), and 4030 (3), street Nos. 391, 391A, and 391B, Manmala Tank Road and bounded as follows that is to say, on or towards the East by C.S. No. 443, and 425, on or towards the South by the property of Revtibai Bhaurao Shambhu being the other moiety of the said part and on or towards the West by the said Public Passage.

Dated this 23rd day of January, 1950.

THAKURDAS DARU HEMANY & CO.
Purchaser's Attorneys.

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AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF STRUCTURES FOR DEMOLITION on SATURDAY, 28th Inst. at 10-30 A. M. (S.T.) at Plot No. A, opp. Sewri Rly. Station, under instructions from the Regional-Disposals Commissioner, Bombay.

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ANDHRA PROVINCE ISSUE POSTPONED

Settle Differences First, Says Central Government

THE Government of India today announced that the formation of the Andhra Province before January 26, 1950 was "impracticable."

NEW DELHI, Jan. 24. (PTI).

Announcing this a Home Ministry communique says that "the Government of India consider it essential that before the question, can be taken up again the outstanding differences and unresolved questions should be settled first".

The communique says: "After considering the recommendations of the Partition Committee and of the Government of Madras, regarding the formation of the Andhra Province, the Government of India have come to the conclusion that the formation of this Province before January 26, 1950, is impracticable.

AGREEMENT LACKING

"The Government of India had, in principle, accepted the formation of this Province on the assumption that the conditions mentioned in the J-V-P report were satisfied.

They find now, both from the proceedings of the Partition Committee and from representations received from influential public bodies, that agreement is lacking on essential issues such as the status of Madras City, the apportionment of assets and liabilities, the boundaries of the Province particularly regarding the district of Bellary, Rayalaseema, and the execution of the Tungabhadra Scheme.

There are also some difficulties about the finances of the new Province. The Government of India consider it essential that before the question can be taken up again the outstanding differences and unresolved questions should be settled first".

BILL SOON

VIJAYAVADA: Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Deputy Prime Minister, would soon introduce in the Republican Parliament a bill for constituting the "new state of Andhra", Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao, M.L.A. (Madras) told pressmen here today.

Mr. Rao, who returned here from New Delhi today, asserted that Prime Minister Pandit Nehru was also "favourably and kindly disposed" towards the creation of the Province and asked what more guarantee was needed. He said the Government of India were critically but minutely studying all the details connected with Andhra separation now and it should not be presumed that the question had been postponed sine die.

Sardar Patel was considering to do justice in the "fifty-two crore rupee reserve dispute" between Tamils and Andhras as also relevant points raised by Mr. T. Prakasam in his dissenting note to the Partition Committee report, Mr. Rao added.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS TO PARLIAMENT

Draft Under Preparation

(From Our Correspondent)
NEW DELHI, Jan. 23.

The Prime Minister's Secretariat is busy drafting the address which the President will read to Parliament on January 31. On the lines of the British system of Address from the Throne, this will review the Government's achievements during the year, indicated the legislative business which Parliament would be asked to put through and also the probable expenditure which the House would be asked to vote.

White Papers on the Indo-Pakistan trade deadlock and on the integration of States are expected to be presented to the House on the first day and the President is expected to make a reference to them indicating the Governmens determination to reach self-sufficiency in cotton and jute. The internal situation particularly in Calcutta is also expected to figure in the Address.

11 MORE MILLS CLOSE?

(From Our Correspondent.)
AHMEDABAD, Jan. 24.

Due to cotton shortage one more mill has closed, Anant Mill has closed from today.

Eleven more mills have given notices to employees of closure of the mills. Five of these mills have attended the time limit.

TRUCK ACCIDENT INJURES WOMEN

1 Dead, 5 Injured: Driver Arrested

(From Our Correspondent.)
AHMEDABAD, Jan. 23.

A fatal motor accident took place near the local aerodrome. An army truck, it is alleged, which was on trial run while negotiating a curve, failed to apply the break in time; as a consequence one of the two women who had gone to the aerodrome to see aeroplanes was seriously injured and succumbed to the injuries in hospital. The other woman has been seriously injured. Three children have also received injuries, also the driver of the lorry. The driver has been arrested by the military authorities.

Boundary Disputes Tribunal

DACCA, Jan. 24 (PTI-Reuter)—The Indo-Pakistan Boundary Disputes Tribunal, which concluded its sitting at Dacca on January 12, is expected to reach a decision on points referred to it in the next two or three days, it is learnt.

Lord Justice Bagge, Chairman of the Tribunal, is scheduled to leave for Delhi en route to Bombay on January 27.

DISCIPLINE IN ARMED FORCES

Current Regulations To Continue

NEW DELHI, Jan. 24 (PTI): The Government of India have promulgated an Ordinance to continue after January 26 some of the current regulations and orders governing discipline in the armed forces.

The new constitution empowers Parliament to modify fundamental rights conferred by the Constitution, in the case of service personnel, for the purpose of maintaining discipline. Pending the passage of bills introduced in Parliament for these modifications, the Ordinance will ensure the continuance of the current regulations.

Called the Armed Forces (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 1950, it debars women from employment in certain branches of the Army and restricts the right of soldiers to become members of trade or labour unions, to address meetings or to take part in demonstrations organised for political or other purposes.

IAF's New Colours

AMBALA, Jan. 24 (PTI)—The new colours of the Indian Air Force will be ceremoniously hoisted at the number 1 Air Force Academy, IAF. on the morning of January 26, Republic Day when IAF personnel will assemble on parade.

SPECIAL CRIMINAL COURTS

Jurisdiction To Try Federal Offences

NEW DELHI, Jan. 24 (PTI)—The Government of India have promulgated an ordinance which confers upon special criminal courts constituted under certain provincial laws, jurisdiction to try offences against law with respect to any of the matters enumerated in the Federal Legislative List.

The Ordinance which extends to all the provinces of India will take effect from January 21.

INDO-AFGHANISTAN WIRELESS LINK

Land Line Via Pakistan Closed

NEW DELHI, Jan. 24 (PTI)—A direct wireless telegraph service having been established between India and Afghanistan, the land line circuit to Afghanistan via Pakistan has been closed, the Director of General of Posts and Telegraph announced today.

Telegrams exchanged between India and Afghanistan will be admitted as foreign telegrams and the charges per word will be as follows:

State or private ordinary 9 as.
State or private urgent Rs. 1-2.
State or private code 5 as. 6 pies.
Press 4 as. 6 pies.
Meteorological 4 as. 6 ps.

16 DELHI DETENUS GIVE UP FAST

NEW DELHI, Jan. 24 (PTI)—Sixteen Communist detenus, who had been on hunger strike for the last 18 days in the Delhi District Jail, gave up their fast today on the advice of Lala Deshbandhu Gupta, Member of the Constituent Assembly.

Lala Deshbandhu Gupta met the detenus in jail this morning.

"Spender Plan" For Asia

COMBATING SPREAD OF COMMUNISM

KARACHI, Jan. 24. (PTI-Reuter):— Mr. Percy Spender, Australian Foreign Minister, said here today that he expected Commonwealth Governments would send their foreign or economic Ministers to the Canberra Conference at which his plan for aiding South and South-East Asia is to be discussed.

It would probably take place within two months.

Mr. Spender said it would be important to assess the needs of South and South-East Asia before plans were made for improving the zone's economic prosperity.

The Australian Foreign Minister is visiting Pakistan on his way home from the Colombo Conference at which he suggested the "Spender Plan" for Commonwealth aid to combat the spread of Communism in Asia.

He said it might be necessary to postpone the Canberra Conference until all Commonwealth Governments had studied the problem and were "ripe with their information"

For its part, Australia would not delay the date. So far as he knew, the United States had not been approached for support, but the plan would certainly need American backing.

Mr. Spender said he would make a recommendation to the Australian Government on the question of aid to Burma. Australia was interested in a Pacific Pact, he added, and "proposes to explore the matter further."

He declined to answer questions about the recognition of Communist China, the Westerling revolt in Indonesia or affairs in Indo-China.

TWO SUSPENDED FOR ANTI-STATE ACTIVITIES

SILCHAR, Jan. 24 (UPI):: The Deputy Commissioner of Cachar has it is reliably learnt, suspended Mohammad Tahir, Revenue Shirasterdar and Baktaruddin, establishment clerk, in the Deputy Commissioner's office for alleged anti-state activities.

The allegations are that they upheld the cause of Pakistan opted Muslim employees by suppressing police reports against them.

Sensational disclosures involving an official holding a key position in this border district are expected soon.

Alleged Smuggling Of Tobacco Into Pakistan

MANDVI (Cutch), Jan. 24.

A daring attempt to transfer to Pakistan over 1,300 bags of beedi tobacco, estimated to be worth Rs. 125,000, has been reportedly foiled by the smart work of the authorities, as the steamer "Sabarmati" conveying the goods touched the port.

It is understood the above consignment was originally shipped from Bombay to Mandvi, but the party concerned tried to redirect it to Karachi by the same boat, thus trying to escape the excise duty of annas twelve per pound without technical difficulty The post was suspected by the Excise authorities of Bombay, and so a representative of the Bombay Steam Navigation Co. was hurriedly deputed to see if the lot was landed at Mandvi or not.

The steamer was detained for eight hours on Sunday beyond the scheduled time, and the entire consignment has been kept in custody of Mandvi customs pending further investigations.

CHICAGO, Jan. 23. (P.T.I.) Reuter): Western Germany today cabled a reservation for 19,000 square feet of space to exhibit goods at the first United States International Trade Fair in Chicago in August.

Wanted Code Of Ethics For Marathi Journalists

COMMITTEE'S PLEA: GRADES OF PAY RECOMMENDED

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

THE NECESSITY of preparing a "code of journalistic ethics" for observation of professional etiquette by Marathi journalists has been stressed by the Committee appointed by the Marathi Journalists Conference at its Sangli session to inquire into the condition of working Marathi journalists in its report. The Standing Committee of the Conference at its meeting at Khandala on Sunday adopted the report.

The committee recommended the formation of a Council of Marathi Journalists with a view to raising the standard of Marathi journalism and ensuring the observation of the journalistic code of ethics by Marathi journalists.

The report recommended separate grades and scales of pay for journalists employed in Marathi dailies and periodicals in Bombay and Poona and in the "regional" dailies of recent origin, as also for those employed in district newspapers.

BOMBAY

For a Junior Reporter in Bombay dailies the grade recommended by the Committee is Rs. 150-10-200; for a Senior Reporter, Rs. 200-10-250 (EB)-10-300; for the Chief Reporter, Rs 250-15-340 for a Junior Sub-Editor, Rs 150-10-250; for a Senior Sub-Editor Rs 250-10-350 (EB)-10-400 for the News Editor; Rs 300-20-400 (EB)-25-500; for the Assistant Editor, Rs 350-20-450 (EB)-25-550, Editor, Rs 400-according to the contract of service.

POONA

The Committee's recommendations regarding Marathi journalists in Poona are: Junior Reporter, Rs. 140-6-170; Senior Reporter, Rs. 170-8-210 (EB)-10-260, Chief Reporter, Rs. 210-10-270 Junior Sub-Editor, Rs. 140-6-200; Senior Sub-Editor, Rs. 200-8-280 (EB)-10-330 News Editor, Rs. 250-15-325 (EB) 20-405, Assistant Editor Rs 300-15-375 (EB)-20-455; Editor, Rs 400-according to the contract of service

MOFUSSIL

The grade recommended for journalists employed in regional dailies is for a Sub-Editor, Rs 90-6-140, Assistant Editor, Rs 120-10-200 and Editor, Rs 175-15-250.

The Committee also made recommendations regarding the payment to be made to apprentices and correspondents.

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Hindu: Magh Shud 7, 2006.
Muslim: Rabi-ul-Akher 6, 1369.
Parsi: Amardad 25, 1319.
Sunrise: 7-15 a.m. Sunset: 6-27 p.m.
Hightide: 03-44, 16-44. Lowtide: 10-22, 21-55.

Today's Engagements

MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS COMMITTEE: Weekly meeting, Corporation Hall, 3-10 p.m.

STUDENTS UNION: Lecture on "Communism", University School of Economics, Fort, 3-45 p.m.

MAHARASHTRA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: "R" Day tea party, Eros Restaurant, Churchgate, 4-15 p.m. Mr. S. K. Patil, Mayor of Bombay presiding.

BOMBAY ART SOCIETY: Talk on modern art, Rampart Row, 6 p.m. (slides will be shown).

Y.M.C.A. AND BOMBAY MISSIONARY CONFERENCE: Reception to delegates of World Pacifists Conference, Y.M.C.A. Hall, Byculla. Rev. Michael Scott to address gathering.

TODAY'S RADIO

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 25.

Air News From Delhi

English—8 a.m., 1-30 p.m. 6, 9; Gujarati—9-45 a.m., 1 p.m., 8-15; Hindustani—8-15 a.m., 1-40 p.m., 6-10, 9-15; Kannada—7-45 a.m., 7-45 p.m.; Malayalam—7-30 a.m., 7-45 p.m.; Marathi—8-30 a.m., 12-50 p.m., 8; Tamil—7-15 a.m., 2 p.m., 7-15; Telugu—7 a.m., 1-50 p.m., 7.

BOMBAY

7-30 a.m. Bhor Bhaee, 7-35 Physical Education, 7-40 Today's Programme, 7-45 R. Patel and Sisters, Geets, 8-15 B. R. Deodhar, Todi, 12-45 p.m. Tantrakari, 12-50 R. Patel and Sisters, Geet, 1-40 Bowdoin College Club, 2-10 Piano Playtime, 5-0 Hindi by Radio, 5-20 N. D. Tendulkar, Violin, 5-30 Sushila Ganu, Gauri, 6-10 Music Lessons, 6-30 B. R. Deodhar, Purva, 7-10 Locals, 7-20 Bhajan and Geet, 7-30 Sushila Ganu, Savani, 7-45 For Industrial Workers, 8-30 Delhi Relay, 9-10 M. D. Tendulkar, Violin, 9-30 Film Songs, 9-45 Current Affairs Review, 10-0 P. Heilbren, Baritone, 10-15 Fun with Music, 10-30 Verga's Trio.

VARIATIONS: 8-0 M. D. Tendulkar, Violin, 8-45 V. A. Bhalerao, Abhang, 1-0 p.m. V. A. Bhalerao, Gaulan, 1-10 Vidvidhata, 1-50 Variety, HU, 2-20 Rabab and Sitar, Raga Bhairvin, 5-0 Hindi by Radio, 6-0 Basweshwar, 6-20 For Rural Listeners, 7-30 Commercial News, 8-10 V. A. Bhalerao, Abhang, 9-0 Sushila Ganu, Pad, 10-0 Meghadoot, by R. Kinikar, 10-30 B. R. Devdhar, Jaljaiwanti.

BARODA

7-30 a.m. As in Ahmedabad, 7-35 Physical Education, 7-40 G. Ambade, Jaltarang, 8-15 As in Ahmedabad, 8-30 G. D. Widhvauns, Bhajans, 5-30 p.m. For Women, 6-10 Hindi Lessons, 6-30 For Rural Listeners, 7-0 As in Ahmedabad, 7-15 Pt. B. Doshi on Gujrat-no Adi Manav, 7-30 G. Ambade, Jaltarang, 8-0 Music Appreciation, 8-10 Locals, 8-30 As in Delhi, 9-15 G. Ambade, Jaltarang, 9-30 I. Gandhi, "Shrijan", G., 9-45 As in Ahmedabad.

AHMEDABAD

7-30 a.m. Nam Smaran, 7-40 Physical Education, 7-45 As in Baroda, 8-15 Geet Lahari, 8-30 As in Baroda, 5-30 p.m. For Women, 6-10 Hindi Lessons, 6-30 M. K. D. Farid, Been, 6-45 H. Bhavsar, Bhajans, 7-0 Manthan, 7-15 Pt. B. Doshi, "Gujrat-no Adi Manav", 7-30 For Industrial Workers, 8-0 Music Appreciation, 8-10 Locals, 8-30 As in Delhi, 9-15 As in Baroda, 9-45 M. K. D. Farridi, Been.

B. B. C.

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE:
6-45 a.m. On the Job 7 B. B. C. West of England Light Orchestra, 7-30 The Storyteller. 8 Pavilion Players, 8-45 B. B. C. Northern Orchestra. 10 Harold Collins and his Orchestra. 10-30 Jazz Club. 11 Sports Review 11-15 Listeners' Choice. 11-40 The Daily Service. 11-45 Listeners' Choice. 1 p.m. Radio Theatre. 2-30 Take it from Here. 3 Mid-Week Prom. 3-45 Citizens of the Commonwealth. 4 Land and Livestock. 4-45 Listeners' Choice. 5-15 From London to Capetown With Jock Scott. 5-45 Work and Worship. 6 B. B. C. Welsh Orchestra. 6-45 Small Band Music. 7 The Women's Programme. 7-45 Ring Up The Curtain 8-45 Bandstand. 9-15 Colonial Commentary. 9-45 Music for Dancing. 10-30 Mid Week Talk.
EASTERN SERVICE:
7-30 p.m. London Magazine. 7-45 News and News Talk. 8 Anjuman 8-30 Radio Zankar. 9 News and News Talk.

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ABANDON REQUISITIONING OF BUILDINGS

Corporation's Request To Government

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

REQUISITIONING of private premises in the city by the Government provided a brief but lively debate in the Bombay Municipal Corporation today. The House subsequently adopted Mr. Nathalal Parikh's resolution, urging the Government to abandon their present policy of requisitioning buildings for the purpose of providing housing accommodation for their own employees.

The resolution further called upon the Government to undertake building activities for housing their own employees and thus make available the premises occupied by the Government servants for the use of the general public. Mr. S. K. Patil, Mayor, presided.

Speaking on the resolution, Mr. Parikh referred to the acute shortage of housing accommodation in the city and the consequent hardship caused to a large section of the population. He also pointed out that the prospects of any large-scale building activity by private landlords in the near future were very dim. In these circumstances, contended Mr. Parikh, it was desirable that the Government should change their present policy, and withdraw the requisitioning order. This, he believed, would ease a little, the acute housing situation in the city.

NOT SO SIMPLE

Mr. Parikh affirmed that the present policy was meant for war-time conditions. Now that those conditions no longer existed, Government should cease requisitioning private premises so that they might be available to satisfy the needs of the growing population of the city.

Mr. Dinker Desai moved an amendment that the resolution be referred to the Law, Revenue and General Purposes Committee for further consideration.

Mr. Desai said that the resolution was not so simple as its mover "would have us believe". He felt that as long as the shortage of accommodation persisted, requisitioning of private buildings by Government should remain. He added that this was an absolute necessity, for he feared that derequisitioning would intensify the "pugree" evil, and bring in its train various other malpractices on the part of the landlords, as a result of which the common man would suffer.

The Socialist Corporator however admitted that the present method of requisitioning premises was somewhat defective. He urged that Government should not requisition smaller tenements. There were many palatial bungalows in the city which were occupied by small but well-to-do families who used more space than was necessary for them. Government should set their eyes on such premises for requisitioning purposes, he suggested.

Mr. N. C. Pupala supporting the resolution said that Government had a lot of land at their disposal for the purpose of building construction. He felt it would be better for them to build for their own employees. This would help derequisitioning many requisitioned premises.

MISCHIEVOUS

Mr. M. Harris said that the resolution was a mischievous one. He believed that the housing problem could not be solved by resolutions of this type. Half the population of the city had no roof over its head. It was also true that nearly five lakhs of people were sleeping on the footpath. Requisitioning of the premises was therefore absolutely necessary.

Mr. Homi J. Talyarkhan also supported the resolution which was carried unanimously when put to the vote.

The House then resumed discussion on the resolution moved by Mr. K. S. Dharia at a former meeting of the Corporation to the effect that the abolition of the transfer ticket on the city tramways as proposed by the BEST Manager was against the interest of the travelling public of the city in as much as the passengers would have ordinarily to pay double the existing fare for a single journey.

DOUBLE FARE

Speaking on the resolution Mr. Dinker Desai pointed out that the tram routes in the city were so situated that even for short distances the passengers would have to pay double the fare in the absence of the transfer ticket. For instance, a passenger travelling from Girgaum to Gowalia Tank or Tardeo would have to pay two annas instead of the present one-anna fare, in spite of the fact that distance was so small.

Mr. Desai felt that this would happen in many other cases and would entail unnecessary hardship on the common man for whom tram was the only available conveyance which could suit his pocket. He reminded the House how the late Mr. K. F. Nariman had discountenanced any suggestion for increase in tram fares in any shape or form.

The debate had not concluded when the House rose for the day.

KARNATAK STUDENTS' CONFERENCE

A conference of the Karnatak Provincial Students' Federation including Mysore will be held on 28th and 29th inst. Delegates from all parts of Karnatak like Mysore, Beengalore, Davangeri, Mangalore, Coorg, Hubli, Dharwar, Belgaum, Bagalkot etc., will be participating.

The conference will discuss such urgent probems of the students of Karnatak as increase of fees in schools and colleges, increase of hostel rents, want of hostels, detentions before the university examinations, in classes, the winning of a People's Karnatak Province without any Raja, the winning of civil liberties, etc., and will chalk out a fighting programme for the students of Karnatak to win these demands.

Retraction Of Offer Of Oath

CASE DISMISSED

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tendolkar)

Ali Akbar Munazim Hussein Plaintiff.
vs.
Hassanali Mahomed & anothtr Defendants

This was a suit for specific performance of an alleged agreement to sell to the plaintiff a restaurant known as tht New Sobhanalli Restaurant for Rs. 17,500 towards which the plaintiff alleged that he had already paid Rs. 16,500. In the alternative to specific performance, the plaintiff claimed repayment of this sum and damages.

The defence was that no such payment had been made and that there had been no concluded contract of sale at all. At the hearing, it was agreed between the parties that the only issue to be tried was whether or not this sum of Rs. 16,500 had been paid by the plaintiff.

In the course of his evidence the plaintiff offered to let his suit be dismissed with Costs if the first defendant and three other persons should take a special oath by the Koran that the money in question had not been paid by the plaintiff. His Lordship thereupon stated that the three other persons not being parties to the suit, could not be asked to take the oath.

The plaintiff thereupon agreed to be bound by the oath of the first defendant to that effect which the first defendant agreed to take. The plaintiff then insisted that the oath should be taken not by the first defendant alone but also by the three other persons.

Following an earlier decision reported in 22 Bom. L. R. 281, his lordship held that unless a party who had made the offer to be bound by a special oath had good grounds for retracting it, he could not be allowed to do so. Holding that in the present case there was no reasonable ground for retraction of the offer, his lordship proceeded to administer the oath to the first defendant notwithstanding the plaintiff's retraction, and on his doing so, dismissed the plaintiff's suit with costs.

Counsel for the plaintiff stated that the facts as recorded by the court as regards what had happened before the offer was made were not quite accurate. His lordship thereupon recorded the statements of counsel on both sides as to the circumstances which had given rise to the offer and its retraction. Counsel for the plaintiff stated that his client had never really understood what he had been asked to do, and that there having been no real offer by him at all, no question of retraction arose.

Mr. M. P. Laud and Mr. G. A. Khan instructed by Messrs. Vakil Dadabhoy and Bharucha appeared for the plaintiff. Mr. H. M. Seervai and Mr. R. J. Joshi instructed by Messrs. Ambubhai and Diwanji appeared for the defendants.

Hindi Prachar Move

(From Our Correspondent.)

KALYAN, Jan. 23: As Hindi has become the national language people should take advantage of the Hindi Vidyalaya at Kalyan said the organisers of the Hindi Vidyalaya, Kalyan at a public meeting held here yesterday afternoon in the New English School when Shet Kanji Govind Kerson, a wealthy landlord of Kalyan presided.

Vijayalakshmi's Visit To Goa

ALL PRESS REPORTS CENSORED

BOMBAY, Tuesday: Press reports of the activities of Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, India's Ambassador in Washington, were censored when she visited Goa last week.

Mrs. Pandit arrived in Goa on January 18 on a five-day visit to see her daughter. Only a brief announcement of her arrival was permitted to appear, according to information received in Bombay today.

It is stated that a full account of her activities was censored and could not be published.

SPONTANEOUS WELCOME

Although adequate publicity of the visit of Mrs. Pandit was not possible, a crowd collected at the pier to welcome her. Due to existing restrictions in Goa, no cheering was possible, but the representative gathering present was a clear demonstration of the affection and respect they have for national leaders.

During her stay there, Mrs. Pandit visited her family temple of Shanta Durga, where she was received by the President of the Commnttee of the Temple and a large number of admirers. Members ot fhe public from nearby villages who had assembled in the locality, lined the car route and greeted Mrs. Pandit.

Rajmata Of Dhrol Passes Away

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The "Bombay Chronicle" regrets to announce the death of Her Highness Dowager Rajmata of Dhrol which occurred at her residence at Darabshaw Road, off Napean Sea Road on Monday evening. She was aged 60.

Her funeral which took place this morning was attended by several officers of the Dhrol State, members of the Royal Family of Saurashtra and a large number of friends and admirers including residents of the Dhrol State in Bombay.

Inquiries indicate that the late Dowager Rajmata was suffering from lung trouble and was brought to Bombay about a fortnight ago for expert medical treatment. Despite the best efforts on the part of her doctors she succumbed to her illness.

The late Rajamata had contributed very liberally towards many humanitarian causes. She leaves behind a son and a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn her death.

THUNDERSHOWERS IN C. P.

All-India Weather

POONA, Jan. 24, (PTI): Following is the weather summary for Tuesday, Jan. 24, 1950:—

Weather has been dry over the country except for a few thundershowers in the west Central Provinces.

Night temperatures were above normal over the region from the East Punjab and Gujarat to the Deccan and were markedly so in the Central Provinces and Madhya Bharat.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL WEDNESDAY EVENING: — Scattered thundershowers are likely in East Rajasthan, the west United Provinces, the west Central Provinces, Madhya Bharat and Bhopal and in and near the hills of the East Punjab.

No appreciable change in night temperatures is expected.

Following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours from Dec. 1, 1949 and departure from normal recorded at 08-30 hours I.S.T. on Jan. 24, 1950:—

Ahmedabad 89 63 0 0 minus 0.1, Ahmednagar 90 59 0 0 minus 0.5, Allahabad 75 52 0 0 minus 1.1, Bangalore 83 57 0 0 minus 0.6, Baroda 92 65 0 0 0, Belgaum 89 57 0 0 minus 0.4, BOMBAY 82 69 0 0 minus 0.2, Calcutta 85 57 0 0 minus 0.4, Colombo 87 69 0 4.1 minus 4.3, Delhi 71 45 0 0.1 minus 0.9, Hyderabad (Dn) 86 60 0 0 minus 0.5, Lucknow 75 49 0 0 minus 0.8, Madras 83 67 0 0.5 minus 6.2, Mysore 85 62 0 0 minus 0.5, Nagpur 59 0 0 minus 0.7, Patna 77 49 0 0 minus 0.6, Poona 92 59 0 0 minus 0.2, Sholapur 91 61 0 0 minus 0.6, Simla 54 39 0 4.1, plus 1.0, Surat 88 63 0 0 minus 0.1.

The Pulse Of The City

MISAPPROPRIATION: Damji Devji, a salesman employed in Hasanali Peerbhai Oil Co., Duncan Road, who was arrested on Monday for alleged misappropriation and criminal breach of trust in respect of Rs. 1,200, was produced before Mr. V. K. Muranjan, Presidency Magistrate, Girgaum Court, Tuesday morning, when he was allowed bail.

GHOST RATION CARDS: Three women arrested Monday for alleged possession of ghost ration cards were placed before Mr. J. M. Barot, Presidency Magistrate, Mazgaon Court. Tuesday, when they were ordered to be released on bail. The women, it is alleged, ppossessed 54 ration cards and drew foodgrains on them but were unable to produce the holders of the cards.

WANTED MAN ARRESTED: Denzil George Mendiz, who was wanted by the Calcutta police in connection with an alleged murder there, was arrested in a city hotel, Monday on receiving a wireless message from Calcutta. He was placed before Mr. Oscar H. Brown, Chief Presidency Magistrate, who remanded him to custody pending a warrant for his arrest and transfer to Calcutta where he will stand his trial.

ACQUITTED: Purshottam Vinayak Phadnis, a summons clerk attached to the Bandra Court, was acquitted by Mr. M. J. Gordhandas, Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Police Court, of a charge of accepting illegal gratification from the complainant in a case pending before the Bandra Court.

BRIBERY: Two passengers were sentenced to six months' R.I. each, by Mr. James Menezes, Presidency Magistrate, V.T. Court, Bombay, Tuesday, for attempting to bribe a head police constable, to evade inquiry in respect of two bags carried by them.

FORGERY: A Podar College student has launched a complaint with the police that an unidentified person has been consistently forging his mother's signature and withdrawing money from a local bank and has so far cheated them to the extent of Rs. 4,700.

STUDENT ACQUITTED: T. Cherian Chandy, a college student, was acquitted of a charge of causing grievous hurt, by Mr. K. J. Bijlani, Presidency Magistrate, Andheri Court, Monday. The prosecution alleged that student assaulted W.T. Miranda, the complainant on July 9, 1948. The Magistrate held that he could not rely on the prosecution evidence.

RASH: Gulabkhan Rahimtulah, learner and Fateh Mahammad Nathu who had a permanent driving licence were arrested Sunday for causing death by a rash and negligent act and abetment. It is alleged the former, driving a car in a rash manner, fatally knocked down pedestrian at First Road, Khar. They were placed before the Bandra Court, Monday, when they were allowed bail.

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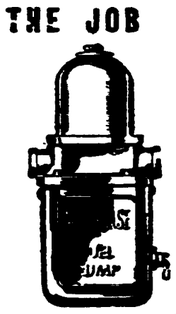

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The Bombay Chronicle

KASHMIR

Sheikh Abdulla, the Kashmir Prime Minister, has firmly indicated that the MacNaughton proposals are quite unacceptable to Kashmiris. He attributes, with remarkable detachment, the failure of the peace effort to the bungling of the UN Commission in India and Pakistan which 'gave different assurances to India and Pakistan.' Mr. Girja Shankar Bajpai who also returned to India with Sheikh Abdulla, was also emphatic that the MacNaughton proposals could not be accepted by India without amendment. He also observed that the Indian Government had indicated what changes were necessary. The failure of the UN Commission calls for a review of the whole situation afresh by the General Assembly of the United Nations. For this the instability of the Security Council caused by the present Russian attitude need be no bar. But it is very necessary that the failure of the UN Commission should be either admitted by the Commission itself or declared by the United Nations. It is very unlikely that the Commission will admit its failure but no other inference is possible in view of the bad bungling of that body. Everything points to the need for an early settlement of the Kashmir controversy which is vitiating Indo-Pakistan relations and provoking Pakistan to all manner of extravagances. The United Nations has before it the admission of Pakistan of complicity in raiding Kashmir and of instigating the "Azad Kashmir forces". What more does it want? If in the face of all this it fails to act, it will be only provoking further aggression and defeating the purpose of ensuring peace throughout the world. The Indian Government ought to press for a solution within a specified time, failing which she should be free to resume the initiative into her own hands. Such a stand would be perfectly proper and it would be in the interests of peace.

Fighting Liquor

In his elucidation of the Prohibition programme of the Bombay Government, Mr. L. M. Patil, Excise Minister told a press conference that the rising price of illicit liquor had prevented the poor from having easy access to it. He added that thus the section of the community which Government was most anxious to protect from the evils of drink, had been looked after. As a debating point, the argument might pass but it is of doubtful validity. If the purpose of Prohibition was merely to stop the poor from drinking, the result could have been achieved with less travail by a policy of high taxation of liquor. Moreover, the high price of illicit liquor which, according to the Excise Minister, testified to the risks of the enterprise and the reluctance of the law-breakers to undertake the risk, also indicates that there are persons willing to pay the price. Mr. Patil had also some explanation to offer of the exemptions allowed to the members of the armed forces. The excuse is that liquor was needed by the army in its operational work. Mr. Patil also appears to have told the press that this concession to the armed forces was meant as a recognition of their present addiction to drink and an admission that it would be wrong to deprive them of drink suddenly. We fail to see the logic of this argument and we can only infer that Mr. Patil has been wrongly reported in this part. You cannot assert that drink is needed for the army and then launch on Prohibition. After all, the army draws its men from society and they cannot be expected to be different from their brothers and sisters who pursue civilian careers. If the army men require liquor, then all who aspire for an army career or wish to join the armed forces, should be allowed access to drink. A contemporary quotes Mr. Patil as saying that General Cariappa desired the armed forces to be gradually accustomed to Prohibition. It is an interesting thesis and the public would like to hear more authoritatively from Army Headquarters of the concrete measures taken to bring about the change. Contrary to general expectations, it should not be difficult since about fifty per cent of the army today, according to most estimates, is free from the drink evil. If the Army really wishes to co-operate in the establishing of Prohibition, then it could without much difficulty separate the drinking officers and men from the non-drinking. On the whole, Mr. Patil gave a very favourable prognosis of Prohibition and of the general co-operation hoped for from various authorities concerned.

It is in dealing with the many questions relating to illicit distillation, smuggling and Prohibition offences that the Government attitude calls for improvement. There is far too great a tendency to take an optimistic view of things and to interpret facts accordingly. This is not calculated to prepare the ground for Total Prohibition. Now that it is an established fact that Prohibition is coming, it is very necessary that the defects noticed in the working of the anti-liquor laws as they are applied are seriously studied and corrected. These defects are so many blemishes on the Prohibition Act and so much detraction from the totality of Prohibition. Moreover, considerably more propaganda is called for than can be put forth by the Publicity Office of the Government and it is here that the local Congress can do its bit in popularising a basic plank of the Congress programme. The Bombay Provincial Congress Committee could do a great deal more in this direction than it has so far even attempted. This, of course, is not in Mr. Patil's jurisdiction but he, as the Minister responsible for implementing the Prohibition policy of the Congress, has a right to ask for much more help than he has so far been given. A measure like Prohibition calls for insistent propaganda and sustained educational work. It is not a reform which, once legislated, comes into immediate beneficial effect; and, because its enforcement inevitably entails the coercive processes of the law, it is very necessary that there should be no relaxing of the publicity campaign. This kind of work is more fitted to public organisations than to official departments. Nor should it be forgotten that there is a great difference between the urban problem and the rural; and they have to be tackled differently. A number of questions was asked about the large increase in liquor offences. These are on the face of it ridiculous. If a new legislation is adopted, it is nothing surprising that there should be many breaches of the law. The offences are so many proofs of the necessity of such legislation being well publicised. Much educational work has been done in the gradual stages of the reform but more is called for.

The Last Governor-General

Mr. C. Rajagopalachari lays down the Governor-Generalship on the morning of January 26. In assuming office, Rajaji spoke of himself as the last Governor-General and of the tradition which had been handed down through various incumbents since the days of the first Governor-General, Warren Hastings. Many of us had expected that we would have bridged the remaining eighteen months of the transition under his leadership, the last Governor-General merging into the First President. But a change has been thought necessary and, it has to be conceded, that few changes could have been less material. It is fitting that Rajaji who was psychologically the most representative of the British Indian period among our national leaders, ends the British era and that Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the most Indian of them all, should preside over the ushering in of untrammelled nationalism. Few have done so much for bringing about the India of today as Rajaji who single-handed worked for the acceptance of partition as the only solution. But it is characteristic of the man that he sought no credit for the event when it ripened. The Indian Prime Minister has observed that the wisdom and experience of Rajaji will be available to the Government and the country it might be taken for granted that it will be unobtrusively offered. With his laying down the reins of office, Rajaji passes into the ranks of elder statesmen of which the country is so much in need. He is not the type which seeks retirement and quiet; and his work for national reconstruction will continue out of office as in it. It was a graceful thought which prompted a suitable presentation from the Indian Government to the retiring Head of State.

Thought For The Day

Enthusiasm is the genius of sincerity, and truth accomplishes no victories without it.

—BULWER LYTTON.

Tete-a-Tete

WITHOUT COMMENT.

As regard's Mr. Kamath's proposal to offer prayer to God when the Republican Parliament meets for the first time on January 28, it was agreed that the Speaker should request members to stand up for a minute or two, at the outset, so that they could offer prayers to their dearest deity.

—News Report.

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Bombay's Excise Minister stated at a press conference that, since soldiers and officers were accustomed to drinking, it would be wrong to ask them to give up the habit completely.

Never have the attractions of the uniform been so irresistible. But what about others, not soldiers and officers, who are accustomed to drink?

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Describing an accused as a young man whose conduct and attitude reveal him to be a man of "low mentality", a Bombay Presidency Magistrate observed that this "generates a desire to do evil."

We always thought that the desire to do evil generated a low mentality, sometimes. The reservation is intended as a measure of self-protection.

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Absolving local Communist leaders of blame for violence in India, Mr. Jayaprakash Narain, the Socialist Leader, blamed Russian policy which did not wish to give time to the new Indian Government and the people to settle down and stabilize."

Will Mr. Jayaprakash now explain whom we should blame for Socialist attempts at preventing the Government and people from settling down?

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Mr. K. Madhava Menon, Minister for Law and Education in the Madras Government, remarks, "Let us have faith in the old saying that everything happens for the best."

Considering everything, we are beginning to feel that we have got our values all wrong. If this is the best, ought we not to pray for the worst?

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The C.P. Minister for Industries told the Fiscal Commission that the schemes sponsored by his Government had failed, though "adjudged technically sound by competent experts" because of mistakes in initial planning committed by managing agencies to whom the development of the projects was entrusted, and because they were unable to raise additional funds.

Were not the "competent experts" competent to judge of these factors also? Or were they not asked to express an opinion on these aspects?

THE UNCROWNED KING OF INDIA

By Eleuterio Soares

MANY YEARS AGO the "Hindusthan Review" of Calcutta had predicted that Rajendra Prasad, a brilliant scholar, would one day be a High Court Judge and President of the Indian National Congress.

True to the prophecy he was twice vainly, offered a seat on the Bench of the Patna High Court and thrice so far he has occupied the Congress gadi with great distinction; but now surpassing all predictions he has earned the unique privilege of being the first President of the Indian Republic.

Rajen Babu's elevation to the status of the first citizen of India is a fitting climax to a distinguished public career, devoted to the selfless service of the nation. His contribution to the struggle for freedom needs no emphasis and few in India can rival him in the deep, penetrating sincerity of his patriotism. An intellectual giant of the highest calibre, he could have earned laurels elsewhere, but moved by an inborn, insatiable urge to serve the country, he chose the thorny path of politics. His entire life is an essay in self-effacement and an unqualified dedication to the cause of national progress.

Son of Munshi Mahadeo Sahay Rajendra Prasad was born on 3rd December, 1884, at Ziradei, in the Saran district of Bihar. Having lost his father at an early age, he was brought up by his elder brother, Mahendra, and was initiated into the three R's by a Muslim divine. He received his school education at Chapra and caused a great sensation by topping the list of the successful candidates for the Calcutta University Entrance Examination, a feat performed for the first time by a non-Bengal student.

THE UNIVERSITY BOY

At the University he had an exceptionally successful career, standing first-class first in all the Examinations. But even as a student of public activities he claimed much attention and in 1902 he founded the Bihari Club, the forerunner of the Bihari Students Conference. He participated in the Bengal Partition movement and was a young and enthusiastic volunteer at the Calcutta Congress in (1906) presided over by Dadabhoy Nowrojee.

After securing an M. A. of the Calcutta University, he went to Muzzafarpur as Professor of English at the Greer College. Being attracted by law, however, he returned to Calcutta to enter the profession and soon acquired a first-class M. L. degree. He started practice at the Calcutta High Court and established his reputation as a rising lawyer, while at the same time being an active social worker.

Appreciating the zeal and zest for service of this budding lawyer, that venerable patriot, Gopal Krishna Gokhale invited him to join the Servants of India Society.

Here Rajen Babu would have been in his true elements but in deference to the wishes of his brother who was almost a father to him, he had refrained from undertaking a mission that was closest to his heart and continued with his legal practice in Calcutta.

When the Patna High Court was established, he transferred his practice to his home province and before long rose to the top of the legal profession. Intensely interested in education, he was one of those responsible for the establishment of the Patna University and took an active interest in its affairs till the time of the non-Co-operation movement.

WITH GANDHIJI

While at the zenith of his success in the legal profession he came in contact with Mahatma Gandhi during the Champaran satyagraha, which proved to be the turning point of his life. He solidly stood by Gandhiji during the Champaran agitation and the valuable assistance he gave Gandhiji finds ample appreciation in the Mahatma's autobiography.

Fascinated by the Mahatma's ideology which was so appealing to his natural disposition, Rajendra Prasad plunged himself heart and soul into the Mahatma's camp, giving up his practice even before the Congress had officially launched the non-cooperation movement. It is said that when he turned his back on the Patna High Court he had only Rs. 15/- left in his bank account having spent his lucrative income in financing public activities or in charities.

In him the Indian struggle for freedom found a new General and the Mahatma an able lieutenant who unreservedly accepted his philosophy and this reflects both in his private and public life. He was one of the first public figures from the eastern provinces to join the Mahatma and was the moving spirit of the Khilafat and Rowlat Bill movements in Bihar. During the non-Cooperation movement when thousands of students filed out of schools and colleges he got an opportunity to put into practice his own idea of a national, educational institution and founded the Bihar Vidayapith which rendered yeomen service to the country till the Government suppressed it.

OFF TO U. K.

In 1928, he went to London to appear before the Privy Council in an appeal from Burma and availed himself of the opportunity to meet the leading personalities of Europe. At Graz in Austria he addressed a pacifists meeting which was broken up by some rowdy elements and he was one of those injured in the affray. The incident sealed the man's faith in non-violence and he returned to India a confirmed pacifist. Incidentally twenty-two years later he, a true disciple of the Mahatma, had the previlege of being one of the organisers and the President of the World Pacifist Conference held for the first time in India.

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

Medical Goods

The criticism against restricted import of requirements of medical profession has not gone in vain. In reaction to it, the Government of India has reviewed the position and has, we are told, issued licenses for the import of certain drugs of good quality. It has also taken steps to liberalise the import policy so as to cover the entire range of surgical instruments and appliances. Restrictions on the import of requirements of medical practice were imposed in consequence of the limited resources of foreign exchange and not primarily with the object of encouraging local industries. The two issues are quite different. It is admitted that local industries were insufficient and, to some extent, also inefficient. The Government is understood to have formed a Board to examine the possibility of aiding manufacturers from Sialkot, who are now in India, in establishing their firms. All such measures would form a long-range programme. The position, at present, is that India has yet to build up all the needed medical and surgical industries and then to advance them to the stage at which she can become self-contained. In the meanwhile, medical practice has to rely upon foreign countries for the supply of its needs. The Government should take a realistic view of the situation and utilise the available resources of exchange for the import of drugs and surgical instruments. Such imports should be settled in consultation with medical profession and trades which supply its needs.

Groundnut Muddle

The sudden ban imposed by the Saurashtra Government on the export of groundnuts has created a difficult situation for local shippers as well as shipping lines. Local exporters sold about 55,000 tons of groundnuts for January shipment to U.K. and other continental countries. Nearly 40,000 tons are exported and the balance of 15,000 tons remains unshipped but the shippers chartered steamers which are waiting to receive the cargo in the local harbour. The shippers are also said to have sold over thirty thousand tons for February shipment but the sudden ban on exports from Kathiawar is now causing anxiety among shippers as well as shipping companies. A protest has been lodged before the Central Government. On making enquiries, it is learnt that some time back the groundnut crop gave hopes of a big yield and the Saurashtra Government allowed export of the surplus quantity but now they find that the crop does not seem large and they have banned exports from the 19th instant. Thus exporters were not given due notice in time to make other arrangements and they will now be compelled to ask for cancellation of their contracts. If such a situation develops, foreign buyers will have no faith in the ability of Indian exporters to fulfill their obligations and will hesitate to buy from India. This will ultimately tell on our export trade. It is the moral and legal obligation of our shippers to fulfill all obligations. The Saurashtra Government, when they allowed exports, ought to have made it clear that if the crop outlook did not indicate surplus yield exports would be banned. But no such warning was given and, as a result faulty crop estimates, exporters are put to considerable embarrassment. There is no time left for January shipments and it is the duty of the Central Government to intervene in the matter. Because of such uncertain trade policies, our bonafide trade will have to suffer much. What is required is that such Government must first take consent from the Central Government regarding their policies. Individual actions by provinces will impair the confidence of the indigenous business community as well as of the foreign buyers.

First President

As was anticipated, Dr. Rajendra Prasad has been unanimously named first President of the Republic of India. This is a fitting tribute to one who presided over the Constituent Assembly's deliberations for nearly three years. As the Head of the Republic, Dr. Prasad has to be above parties and factions and, taking into consideration the condition of political life in the country, there is none better fitted for the role. As Sardar Patel remarked on another occasion there is no one else of whom it can be said with equal truth that he has no enemies. It is also a matter for gratification that the decision was unanimous since the First President has necessarily to function in a period of transition. Admirably fitted for the role of a constitutional head, Dr. Rajendra Prasad will bring his mature wisdom to bear on the problems which face the young Republic.

The National Anthem

On the instance of the President, the Indian Parliament adopted the song Jana Gana Mana as the national anthem, according an equal status to its rival, Vande Mataram. This is a most unsatisfactory decision, the worst of the three courses open to the House which could have also adopted definitely one or other of the two songs. The hesitant decision indicates how much sentiment governs our actions and the extent to which we are hampered in facing up to things. Ultimately it boils down to a choice between two tunes, one of which is more rousing, either on account of its words or because of its association or for its lilt. It should not have been impossible to decide between the two. The Jana Gana Mana has come in for a great deal of criticism because of misunderstanding regarding the occasion for its composition. It has been convincingly asserted that Tagore did not mean it to be a song in honour of the British King or any other ruling monarch. Vande Mataram with its tradition of revolution would have been impossible to dislodge but for its very intricate tune and the fact that very few persons are familiar with it.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Insurance Of Property

Taking into consideration the fact that communist, labour and communal troubles have become too common these days, it is time that we devised some ways to protect the property of the innocent people. Insurance of property is probably the easiest solution. But this is a problem for the Government as a satisfactory solution can be attempted only through State intervention. No doubt riot risks are covered by insurance companies but the present premium is so high that very few can take advantage of it. On the other hand, there are many companies that do not encourage taking riot and civil commotion risks.

If the permanent or periodic character of such strifes is recognised, the Government may provide that in the event of the insured person's property being damaged a claim may be submitted to the Government for payment out of a central fund. The insurance which should be made compulsory will be fixed at a very moderate scale of premium so that while providing compensation to a certain maximum it may yet remain accessible to lesser people without imposing any hardship on them. An almost similar plan was adopted in Britain to compensate damage to house or property sustained as a result of enemy action. As damages caused by riots would be far less, the premium rate would necessarily be much lower.

In view of the vastness of our country, it would be expedient to appoint provincial committees of persons having experience in this line to assess the extent and value of damages so that prompt action may be taken and adequate Compensation given to the victims.

DIWANI C. ADVANI.

Bombay, 23rd January 1950.

B. E. S. T. Bus Service

The residents of Khar and Chuim and adjoining localities were among the very first to welcome the B.E. S.T. Bus Service to our area, when the Bombay Municipality finally decided to take over from the Bandra Bus Company and entertained great expectations as regards cheap and efficient service.

We now regret to bring to your notice that our expectations have been belied in one respect. Before the advent of the B.E.S.T. Bus Service, the rate charged for the distance between Khar Station and Chuim was one anna per trip. But it is most surprising to find that the conductors are now collecting 1½ annas instead of the usual one anna for the same trip. The reason for this 50 per cent increase on this route only is not understood.

We sincerely hope that this is due to a mistake on the part of the B.E. S.T. officials and nothing else. Otherwise, there is no ostensible reason for singing out Khar Station—Chuim route only for this invidious and unfair treatment. Further the distance involved is less than that between Mahim and Khar and Mahim and Sion for which the fare charged by the B.E.S.T is only one anna per trip.

Will the B. E. S. T. Committee please investigate this complaint?

S. G. SHOME.

Hon. Secretary, Bandra Borough Civic League.

Bombay, 23-1-1950.

—A. V. GNANAM.

Include P. G. Joshi In "Test"

The final Test match against Commonwealth Team will be played at Madras. The Performance of P. G. Joshi, the promising young Wicket Keeper at C.P. (Nagpur) as reported in newspapers of taking smart catches and scoring brilliant score against Commonwealth, makes it necessary for Selectors to include him instead of Mantri. If he is given 2 or 3 opportunities he will be well prepared with experience for next year's Tour.

P. NAIR.

Congress Organisations

Of all the causes that have contributed to the adverse prestige of the Congress, no single factor has done more damage than the indiscriminate admission into that body of large numbers of opportunists, self-seekers and other unscrupulous people.

The Working Committee must make it clear in unambiguous terms that the Congress would be prepared to lose elections, leave the Government and go into opposition, if these elections cannot be won without the aid of dubious characters. Those huge majorities with the aid of unprincipled men will be a drag in the hour of our country's trial. After all the role of the Congress is essentially to serve the people and elections and politics are means to that end and not the end.

V. R. SHIRODKAR.

Undesirables

A year ago, news appeared in the local press that the Government of Bombay has passed a bill to eject those prostitutes who are residing in buildings situated within 50 yards from the tram lines or a school or a place of worship or a place of public entertainment, but to date the Government have not done anything in the matter. It is a matter of great importance and that the authorities concerned should take steps to eject these undesirable elements without any further delay in the interest of city's health and morale. I read in the local press recently that the Government had served ejectment notices on a few prostitutes. This action is, of course, welcome. It would be much appreciated if the authorities would serve the ejectment notices on those prostitutes who are on the tram lines in the first instance in the interest of the passengers who travel by tram via., Foras Road and Falkland Road, and then on others. As these two roads have already earned a very bad name, it would be advisable to change the names of these two roads at first and then the other good roads.

Destroying Monkeys In Food Drive

Certain provinces have taken steps to kill monkeys which destroy crops. It is pointed out by the authorities that such a move has been resorted to as part of the Grow More Food Campaign.

Vast sections of the people consider the monkeys as a sacred animal. If it is felt necessary at all to keep these animals away from crops, a better procedure of driving them to woods or hills would be welcomed by all non-violent and animal-loving citizens.

THE HON. SECRETARY.

The Humanitarian League

Asoka Road Bangalore.

D. A. To Pensioners

Due to abnormal rise in the cost of living, the Government have granted "dearness allowance to their pensioners, as a matter of favour. But this has not been extended to the retired railway servants.

In view of the fact that the value of the Provident Fund drawn by the railway servants on retirement has been depreciated, will the authorities kindly consider their cases by granting relief in the form of dearness allowance.

H. C. PARALKER.

Parel Village

Appointments Of High Court Judges

NEW DELHI, Jan. 24. (PTI). The Governor General has appointed Mr. Justice Ranbir Chand Soni, at present an additional judge, to be a permanent judge of the East Punjab High Court, says a Press note issued by the Home Ministry.

The Governor General has also appointed Justices Vivekaranjan Sen and Pandurang Purshottam Deo, at present additional judges, permanent judges of the Nagpur High Court.

Justices Prayanta Bihari Mukharji, Amal Kumma Sarkar, Jyoti Prakash Mitter, additional judges: Mr. Justice Braja Kanta Guha (acting judge), Mr. Justice Himanau Kumar Bose (additional judge) and Shri Ranadhir Singh Bachawat (Barrister-at-Law) have been appointed permanent judges of the Calcutta High Court.

OPEN AIR

One of the most common trees on the open hillsides at Khandala is the Vangueria spinosa, or alu. Belonging to the same family as the gardenia and ixora, the alu is a small tree with gnarled branches and it has long, sharply pointed spines growing in pairs at intervals along every twig, a good protection from the attacks of straying cattle. The leaves are now yellowing off and are ready to fall and a few of last year's fruits, hard, round and about the size of a golf ball, remain on the tree. The flowers appear in late February and March in small clusters from the scars of the fallen leaves, and are creamy white when they first open, turning to an almost sulphur yellow as they grow older, so that the tree has a two-coloured effect. The alu is by no means as spectacular in its beauty as the gorgeous Flame of the Forest, or the Coral or Gul Mohur but it presents a very pleasing appearance when it is in full flower, and when the fruits have formed, it looks very much like an apple tree from a distance.

—D. R.

PEOPLE PREPARE TO GREET R-DAY

The Lights Of Bombay Will Be On

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

BOMBAY, with the rest of India is preparing for the celebrations that are to usher in the Republic of India. One cannot hope for the frenzied joy of August 15, 1947, but people are preparing to lend colour to the occasion with the limited means at their disposal.

There will be illuminations galore and last minute touches are being given at the Bombay Secretariat, the Victorial Terminus, the Bombay Central, the Bombay Municipality, the Town Hall, the Gateway of India, the Rajabhai Tower, the Bombay Port Trust Buildings, the Electric House and other Government and semi-government buildings. Many well-known commercial houses are also preparing for the occasion with festive decorations.

The following is a resume of the programme arranged in the city and elsewhere to mark the occasion of the inauguration of India's First Republic:

Governor's State Drive

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

In connection with the inauguration of the Indian Republic on January 26, 1950, a swearing-in ceremony will be held at the Town Hall, Bombay, at 10-15' a.m. on that day. His Excellincy the Governor will read out a proclamation and thereafter be sworn-in in the presence of the Chief Justice.

Immediately after His Excellency is sworn-in, a salute of 17 guns will be fired and the Governor's flag will be unfurled at Government House. His Excellency will then administer oaths to the Chief Minister, the Chief Justice Cabinet Ministers and Judges of the High Court.

At about 3-45 p.m., His Excellency the Governor and Ranisaheba will drive in State and arrive at the Brabourne Stadium at 4-30 p.m. They will be received by the Chief Minister and the Service Chiefs.

After the National Flag has been hoisted, His Excellency will inspect a parade of the detachments of the Navy, the Army, the Air Force, the Police and the Home Guards. Government invitees to the parade will be seated in the Pavilion of the Cricket Club of India.

The stands of the Islam Gymkhana, the Parsi Gymkhana and the Hindu Gymkhana will be occupied by the children of the invitees and by the Military personnel. All other stands in the Stadium will be thrown open to the public Members of the public are cordially invited to witness the ceremonial parade from these stands.

The route of the State Drive will be Government House Upper Gate, Walkeshwar Road, Chowpatty Sea Face, Sandhurst Road, Sandhurst Bridge, Bhendi Bazar Junction, Ibrahim Rahimtoola Road, Kalbadevi Road, Dhobi Talao, Cruickshank Road, Bori Bunder, Bhatiya Bag, Fort Street, Hornby Road, Flora Fountain, Churchgate Street, Queen's Road, Dinshaw Vachha Road to the Governor's Pavilion Entrance.

ROUTE MARCH

A combined route march consisting of Police and Home Guard Personnel will be staged on Friday as a part of the Republic Day Celebrations. The column will leave the Police Headquarters, Naigaum at 8 a.m. and march back to the Police Headquarters through Naigaum, Govindji Kenny Road, Vincent Road, Khodadad Circle, Tilak Bridge, Lady Jamshedji Road, Bhawani Shankar Road, Gokhale Road (South), Sayani Road, Elphinstone Road, Poibawdi Junction and Jerbai Wadia Road.

GENERAL ROUND-UP OF TROUBLE-MAKERS

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

As a precautionary measures against the creation of trouble in the city by subversive elements during the Republic Day celebrations on January 26, the Special Branch of the Bombay CID have started a general round-up of suspected trouble-makers.

Eight persons, believed to be Communists, including a woman, were arrested by the Special Branch yesterday under the Public Security Measures Act. During the last few days, about 50 Communists were believed to have been rounded-up by the Police.

Stop Press

CONSERVATIVE MANIFESTO

LONDON, Jan. 24: The British Conservative Party has released its election manifesto, which promises drastic cut in Government expenditure, scrapping of further nationalisation programmes and the abolition of food and petrol rationing as soon as possible. The manifesto also indicated an imperial conference to try to reach a permanent settlement of the debts owed by the Commonwealth nations, and especially war-time debts incurred by Britain for defending India and Egypt.

AID TO CHINA

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24: The U. S. Secretary of State Mr. Dean Acheson told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that he was agreeable to giving aid to the Chinese Nationalist Government.

CITY PROGRAMME

HINDUSTAN SCOUT ASSN.: Camp fire to celebrate "R" Day, Gowalia Tank Maidan, 6-15 p.m. today (Wednesday), Mayor presiding.

GIRGAUM DIST. CONGRESS COMMITTEE: Taluka processions will start from respective taluka offices at 10-30 p.m. today (Wednesday), and converge at Chowpatty, near Tilak Statue, for public meeting at 12 p.m. Hon. Mr. Jivraj Mehta and Hon. Mr. Naik-Nimbalkar will speak.

SANTA CRUZ CITIZENS COMMITTEE: Torchlight procession will start from Seth Anandilal Podar High School at 10 p.m. today (Wednesday).

JUHU TARA CONGRESS COMMITTEE: Procession starting from Shankar's Temple at 11 p.m. today (Wednesday).

V. J. T. I.: Meeting of staff and students on Thursday Jan. 26 at 9-30 a.m. Mr. Jamnadas M. Mehta will preside and speak on: "Republic and After".

"SPECIAL PRAYERS" will be held at the Gate of Mercy Synagogue, Mandvi on Thursday the 26th instant after "Minha" prayers at 5-45 p.m. (S.T.) on the occasion of the inauguration of the Indian Republic when a short speech befitting the occasion will be delivered by Mr. D. M. Samuel. The Synagogue will be fully illuminated on Thursday and Friday nights and the National Flag will be hoisted on Thursday the 26th instant after morning prayers.

JAMIAT-E-ULAMA, BOMBAY CITY: Is leading a torch light procession on the night of January 25 as part of the Republic Day celebrations. The procession will start from the office of the Jamiet at Vazir Building, Bhendi Bazar, Bombay and will disperse at the same place at midnight.

AT MALAD: Republic Day will be celebrated at Sheth Nahalchand L. High School by the students on January 26. There will be flag salutation ceremony under the auspices of Mr. Madhavprasadji Pandit at 9 a.m. Mr. Shamaldas Gandhi will address the meeting. At 3-30 p.m. Swami Maheshvaranand Maharaj will deliver a speech. Entertainment programme is also arranged from 5 to 6-30 p.m.

BOMBAY NATIONAL GUARDS: All volunteers are requested to be present at "A" Ward Congress House on Thursday at 5 a.m. in full uniform to participate in "R" Day programme.

FLAG SALUTATIONS

The 'C' Ward District Congress Committee have organised a flag salutation function at Bara Imam Road, on Jan. 26 at 8 a.m. Another flag salutation function will be held under the auspices of the same Committee at Chinch Bunder at 8-30 a.m. The Hon'ble Shri Dinkarrao Desai, Minister for Civil Supplies and Law will hoist the flag at both these places.

The Hon'ble Dr. Jivraj Mehta will address a public meeting at Madanpura under the auspices of the 'C' Ward District Congress Committee on Jan. 26, 1950 at 9 p.m.

SIROHI STATE TO BE CUT UP

Part To Merge With Bombay

JAIPUR, Jan. 24 (PTI): Sirohi State will be merged with Bombay and Rajasthan, it is learnt here today.

Mount Abu and Abu Tehsil with an area of 380 sq. miles and a population of 41,268 will go to Bombay and the remaining portion, an area of 1,614 sq. miles with a population of 1,97,291 will go to Rajasthan.

The Commissioner of Jodhpur Division has left for Sirohi to take charge of the Rajasthan portion tomorrow.

Sirohi is at present administered by the Bombay Government on behalf of the Central Government.

FORGED CURRENCY NOTES SEIZED

Province-Wide Raids In Madras

MADRAS, Jan. 24, (PTI): Madras Police have seized 1,720 forged 100-rupee currency notes in simultaneous raids in different parts of the Province. Seven persons have so far been arrested and remanded to custody. The police also took possession of a treadle machine and other implements used for the manufacture of such notes.

Last night, the police raided a house in Triplicane, in the heart of Madras, and seized similar currency notes of Rs. 97,000 print value. Two persons were arrested.

INDIAN MERCHANTS' CHAMBER

Mr. M. R. Ruia Elected Vice-President

BOMBAY, Tuesday (UPI)—Mr. Madan Mohan R. Ruia, President of the Cotton Buyers' Association, Bombay, was elected today as Vice-President of the Indian Merchants' Chamber for the next year.

REPUBLIC DAY STAMPS

Arrangements For Sale

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Special arrangements have been made by the postal authorities in Bombay for the sale of the Republic Day Commemorative Stamps on Thursday at G.P.O. and other selected Post Offices. The stamps will remain on sale until stocks are exhausted. These stamps are in four denominations, namely, 2 annas, 3-1/2 annas, 4 annas and 12 annas. A folder containing a full set of these four stamps will also be issued on that day and is priced at Rs. 1-9-6. The First Day Covers are already on sale.

A specially designed cancellation post mark will be used by the Philatelic Bureau at Bombay on January 26. This being a holiday, the sale of the Commemorative Stamps, special folders and First Day Covers will be restricted to the selected Post Offices named below:—

BOMBAY H. O.—Ambewadi, Andheri, Bandra, Ballard Estate, Borivli, Byculla, Cadell Road, Chinch Bunder, Churchgate Street, Colaba, Cumballa Hill, Dadar Lellsle Road, Dharavi, Girgaon, Grant Road, Jacob Circle Lady Jamshedji Road, Kalbadevi, Khar, Mahim, Malabar Hill, Malad, Mandvi, Masjid, Matunga, Mazagaon, Parel, Santa Cruz West, Santa Cruz East, Santa Cruz aerodrome Secretariat, Sion, Shroff Mahajan, Sewri, Tajmahal, Victoria Gardens, Vile Parle and Worli.

THANA H. O.—Ghatkoper, Kalyan and Kalyan Camp.

Rajaji's Farewell: Tune In At 8-30 p. m.

At 8-30 p.m. on Wednesday January 25, A.I.R. Bombay will relay the Governor-General's farewell broadcast. This will be followed by a translation in Hindi.

At 9-30 p.m. A.I.R. will relay the Prime Minister's recorded message.

PROGRAMME FOR R. DAY

A Special Republic Day programme has been arranged by the A.I.R. On January 26, running commentary on the swearing-in ceremony at Government house(the Presidential procession and the flag hoisting ceremony will be broadcast simultaneously in English and Hindi," from 10-10 a.m. to 12-15 p.m. and again from 2-25 p.m. to 4-45 p.m.

"A REPUBLIC IS BORN"

A feature in English entitled "A Republic is Born" specially prepared for the occasion and written and produced by Melville De Mello will be broadcast at 8-30 p.m. It will contain recorded excerpts from the speeches of Mahatma Gandhi, Earl Mounbatten and Sarojini Naidu.

Messages of good will from heads of foreign states, including His Majesty the King, Mr. Attlee, Mr. Noel Baker, President Truman, Mr. Acheson, Mr. P. C. Spencer and Mr. Pearson will be broadcast at 9-30 p.m.

Sardar Baldev Singh, the Defence Minister, will broadcast a message to the defence forces at 6-50 p.m. Lala Deshbandhu Gupta will broadcast a talk at 6-45 p.m.

Music broadcast on the day will include Shahnai recitals by Bismillah and party and classical music by Jyotsana Bhole, Mushtaq Hussain, Pozmat Husain and Master Krishna Rao.

Programmes for women, children and rural listeners will contain many items specially prepared for the occasion.

TAKE THE VOW OF LOYALTY

Jamiet-Ul-Ulema's Call To Nation

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

"Celebrate the Republic Day wholeheartedly", is the directive from the General Secretary of the Jamiat-Ulema-e-Hind, Bombay Presidency. January 26, 1950 is the 1st day of the Republic of India Regime in our country. It is our duty to celebrate the day as gloriously as possible. On this day, every faithful and self-respecting son of the Mother Country should vow unstinted loyalty and devotion to the nation.

I appeal to all the Jamiets affiliated to the Bombay Provincial Jamiat-ul-Ulema to see that the occasion becomes a unique success and the day augurs a strong and glorious state that can give a fitting lead to Asiatic countries in their march towards peace, prosperity and greatness.

New Telephone Advisory Committees

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

As already announced, the P. and T. Department will reserve 30 per cent of the available telephones for allotment to certain categories under the old terms and conditions, in the cities of Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Ahmedabad, Delhi, Kanpur and Amritsar. Those allotments will be made on a fair and equitable basis on the recommendations of Telephone Advisory Committees which will consist of the following:—

(i) Chairman: an officer of the P. and T. Department.

(ii) Secretary: an officer of the P. and T. Department.

(iii) A member of Parliament nominated by the Central Government.

(iv) An officer of the Provincial Government.

(v) A representative of the medical association.

(vi) A representative of the refugee associations and

(vii) A representative of the Press.

With the formation of the new Advisory Committees, those which existed prior to the introduction of the "Own your Telephone" scheme, will be dissolved.

Don't Try To Deceive God

RAJAJI'S ADVICE TO MINISTERIAL STAFF

NEW DELHI, Jan. 24 (PTI): The Governor-General, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, speaking at a farewell party given by him to the ministerial staff of Government House today, advised them never to do anything which they would not like to confess publicly.

"Whether in private or in public", he said, "remember that God is present with you and you cannot deceive Him and if you think you can deceive Him for the time being, you will have to pay back with double interest afterwards".

In a reference to his impending departure from Government House, Mr. Rajagopalachari said: "I am going from you all with grief not because I am leaving my office behind but because I am going away leaving so many affectionate friends behind. There is nothing else that makes me sorry".

The ministerial staff presented the Governor-General a farewell address in four languages.

In the course of his reply, Mr. Rajagopalachari said: "Always behave as if the great witness of all things were bodily present before you. Indeed he is present inside you whether you know it or not and he always tells you 'This is wrong, do not do it'. It is only if you deceive yourself that you can ignore him. This is my last piece of advice to you.

"I am going away in a couple of days and the intervening period will be one of continuous bustle. This is a calm moment when I have spoken to you what I feel in my innermost being, as I feel you are my children. I leave you behind in charge of a good successor. I wish you all good luck".

No Contracts For The Non-Dry

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

With the introduction of total Prohibition from April 1 next, excise crimes are likely to increase in the initial stages, in spite of strict vigilance and various other preventive measures.

With a view to preventing such crimes, the Government of Bombay has decided, after ascertaining legal opinion, that a person convicted under the Bombay Prohibition Act, 1949, and the Bombay Opium Smoking Act, 1936, should be held ineligible for being given contracts or licences, which are entirely at its discretion and the grant of issue of which is not regulated by any Act, says a press note.

The necessary provision is also being made in the conditions of sale by auction of excisable articles for the cancellation licences, contracts, etc., of such persons or for holding them ineligible for their grant of renewal.

TREATIES TO MAINTAIN WORLD PEACE..

Non-Official Resolution In Indian Parliament

NEW DELHI, Jan. 24. (PTI).

MR. B. Das (Orissa) has drawn first place in the ballot of non-official resolutions to be discussed by the Indian Parliament on February 9. He wants the Government of India immediately to enter into treaties with the Governments of all sovereign countries, particularly the U.K., U.S.A. and U.S.S.R., for the maintenance of world peace.

The second place has been drawn by Sardar Hukam Singh, who suggests eight-anna-a-rupee compensation to the refugees either by the imposition of a special tax or by the sale of Government waste lands and vacant sites.

Prof. K. T. Shah, the Bombay economist, wants qualifications to be laid down for the membership of Parliament and Legislatures of States.

Other resolutions include one by Giani Gurmukh Singh Musafir, recommending compulsory military training to all adults on both the eastern and western borders of Bharat.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Two days—February 1 and 2—are expected to be allotted for the debate on the President's address to the Indian Parliament on January 31.

The debate will begin on a motion of thanks moved by a member, seconded by another, in the following terms: "I beg to move that the members of Parliament assembled in this session are grateful to the President for this address".

There will then be a debate firstly in general terms and then on amendments.

It is expected that following the British precedent, members will have ample opportunity of vigorously expressing their individual views on how the country should be governed and eve to enunciate their own economic and political philosophies.

PROCEDURAL CHANGES

It is learnt that Speaker Mavlankar is giving his urgent attention to the changes in the old procedure, including budgetary procedure, that the necessary in the Indian Parliament in the transitional period under the new Constitution. The British parliamentary procedure is regarded by parliamentary observers here as a model.

In adapting them to meet Indian requirements, all matters peculiar to the House of Commons on account of their historical origin will be eliminated. There will, of course, be the difference in language necessitated by the Indian Republic system as against Britain's monarchical system. Republican India will have no use for such expressions as "Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects" and "humble thanks to Your Majesty for the gracious speech."

The Uncrowned King Of India

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appropriately, partly at Shantiniketan and partly at Sevagram.

It was in 1934, however, that his extraordinary abilities were brought into full play. While this "Uncrowned King of Bihar" was languishing in jail, Bihar was struck by a devastating earthquake. Shortly afterwards he was released on medical grounds but inspite of ill health he plunged himself wholeheartedly into the work of organising relief for the sufferers. He inspired and rallied public workers around him and generous donations in cash and kind poured into Bihar in reponse to his appeal.

The result was an extraordinary feat of organisational skill that paled into insignificance the official relief measures which had the backing of the resources of the Government and the prestige of the Viceroy.

A member of the A. I. C. C. since 1912 and of the Working Committee from 1922 and also General Secretary of the Congress, Rajendra Prasad was elected President of the Congress in 1935. One of his important acts as Congress President was to make a compromise offer to Mr. Jinnah but the latter was more interested in satisfying his British mentors than in Hindu-Muslim unity and flatly turned down the gesture which might have changed the course of subsequent developments. He was also a member of the Parliamentary Board that guided and coordinated the activities of the Congress Ministries till the war put an end to provincial autonomy.

WHEN PRESIDENT SUBHAS BOSE RESIGNED CREATING A MAJOR CRISIS IN THE CONGRESS, DR. RAJENDRA PRASAD ALONE WAS FOUND COMPETENT TO FILL THE GAP AND THUS BECAME THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONGRES FOR THE SECOND TIME.

1942 MOVEMENT

Owing to illness he did not attend the fateful "Quit India" session in Bombay and was consequently the only member of the Working Committee who was not lodged in the Ahmednagar jail. On his release he was so deeply moved by the suffering inflicted upon his loving Biharis by the British that it is said that he actually wept for them. A firm believer in unity of the Indian nation, he made his own direct contribution to its preservation by producing the monumental thesis "India Divided" which in the context of events that followed was almost prophetic in its contents.

He was actively concerned with the negotiations that preceded the transfer of power and joined the Interim Government as member for Food and Agriculture. His unanimous election as President of the Constituent Assembly and the tributes that were paid to him on the occasion were proofs of his popularity among all sections of Indian public opinion. The dignified and impartial manner in which he has guided the deliberations of the Constituent Assembly has not only justified the confidence and trust the nation had reposed in him but has won for him added respect and admiration of the people.

He continued to handle the Food and Agriculture portfolio after 15th August, 1947 and it was significant of his loyalty and attachment to the Congress when he stood out of the Government to take over the Presidentship of the Congress from Acharya Kripalani, who resigned in the middle of his term. It is indeed appropriate that a man who has played such an important role in the framing of the Constitution should be entrusted with the task of putting it on its feet.

A man of proverbial humility, self-denying and unostentatious, he has never solicited honours but whenever they have come to him, he has accepted them as a matter of national duty. Kind, considerate and tolerant to the extreme, he has no enemies either in public or private life. There is no glamour about him but the peasant-like simplicity is the charm of his personality. He is not a man of iron will but his power of persuation his inexhaustible patience, and his simpathy for the opponent's viewpoint, are the pillars of his strength. He has no mass appeal but the incorruptible integrity of his character and his profound humanism find him an honoured place in the hearts of the people.

Rajen Babu represents all that is highest and best in Indian culture and is a bridge between India's past and present.

The late Mrs. Sarojini Naidu once described this "Gentleman of Indian Politics", as "the spiritual descent of Budha, the torch-bearer of freedom and the symbol of India's destiny".

The people of India may rest assured that their destines are today safe in the hands of this "God's own good man."

PRIVY COUNCIL'S PRINCIPLES WILL BE FOLLOWED

Federal Court Will Not Interfere With Course Of Criminal Justice

NEW DELHI, Jan. 24, (PTI).

THEIR LORDSHIPS of the Federal Court of India, sitting in a full bench, declared today that they would follow the principles laid down by the Privy Council and would not interfere with the course of criminal justice in subordinate courts unless there was a miscarriage of justice or violation of the principles of natural justice or law.

The Court was making these observations while delivering judgment in the first criminal appeal heard by it, after the abolition of the Privy Council jurisdiction over India last October.

Their Lordships declared: "Though this Court is no longer bound by the Privy Council practice and precedents, it sees no reason to depart from the principle swhich have been laid down by the Privy Council defining the limits within which interference with the course of criminal justice dispensed in the subordinate courts is warranted".

THE CASE

The appellant in the case, Kapil Deo Singh, had been charged with 13 others on charges of rioting and murder. It had been alleged that the accused, with the common intention of dispossessing a person of his land, had committed the offences. He was sentenced on charges of rioting and culpable homicide not amounting to murder along with the 13 others. On appeal, the 13 co-accused were acquitted. While the conviction of Kapil Deo Singh on charges of culpable homicide not amounting to murder was set aside, his sentence of five years, R.I. on charges of rioting was confirmed.

On appeal before the Federal Court it was argued that since the 13 co-accused had been acquitted there could be no charge of rioting and also that there was no common intention as the ownership of the land itself had been in question, as was admitted by the lower court itself.

THE JUDGMENT

In their judgment, the Court dismissed the first plea on the ground that though only 14 people had been prosecuted, there was clear evidence that there had been a mob of 200 people. On the second plea, they sent the case to the Lower Court with direction that it should be heard and disposed of according to law after recording a definite finding on the question of possession of land.

ALTERNATE JOBS IF RETRENCHED

Defence Employees' Demands

POONA, Jan. 24 (PTI): The All India Defence Service Civilian Employees Federation today demanded that there should be no further retrenchment of civilian employees in defence establishments without an alternate employment being provided for them.

In a resolution on the subject, the Federation at its first annual convention held at Kirkee near Poona said that it had not so far opposed retrenchment as such but only the incorrect method of retrenchment. It thought that the number of employees engaged in the defence establishments had now reached the minimum requirement.

Besides, most of the present employees were having five to ten years service to their credit, and there were many cases where men were employed for more than 20 to 30 years in the temporary and extra-temporary categories.

The resolution also stated that the present way of assessing work load and man-power requirement was not at all acceptable to the Federation, and demanded that the workers should be consulted through their unions or through their representatives to assess the work load and relative man-power requirement.

The resolution added: "The Federation after careful consideration resolves that there should be no retrenchment without alternative employment and in case of alternative employment the workers should be granted full benefit of their services".

Soekarno To Visit Karachi

KARACHI, Jan. 24, (PTI-Reuter): President Soekarno of Indonesia, now visiting Delhi for the ceremonies connected with the proclamation of the Indian Republic, will visit Karachi at the end of the week, it was authoritatively stated here today.

End The 'Dirty War In Indo-China'

PARIS, Jan. 24. (PTI-Reuter): French Communist paper "Humanite" today called on French workers to organise work-stoppages and demonstrations tomorrow in protest against "the dirty war in Indo-China."

It called for a "national day of protest" tomorrow, and urged women in the Paris area to "go to the Home of Premier George's Bidault and demand the end of the Indo-China war, repatriation of French expeditionary forces and the return to France of the bodies of French soldiers killed in Indo-China.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Jan. 24. (PTI-Reuter): Strength of British Government Funds was a feature of the London Stock Exchange today. Recent advance was continued with persistent buying orders in the market short of stock. Final prices were slightly under the best, but showed gains of up to five-eighths per cent.

Other sections of the Stock Market quiet and changes few. Leading industrials reflected an advance in Gilt-edged and were a few pence higher.

In the Foreign Bond Market there was dullness to German and Japanese loans.

Austrians and Peruvians, however, were harded where changed.

Brazilian rails were occasionally out of favour and recorded one-point falls in some of prior charges.

Movements and business in oils gave the section no particular trend although one or two of the leaders were firmer.

Election uncertainties remain the dominating influence in domestic issues and are keeping the Stock Market trading at low level.

Even the usually popular Kaffir market experienced long periods of idleness today. The good borehole result from Free state failed to stimulate interest and prices drifted lower.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON MARCH

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.

Previous closing	31.15
Today's opening	31.13
Difference	—.2
Today's closing	31.10
Difference	+.4

LAST QUOTATIONS

BOMBAY, Jan. 24.

	Rs.	a.	p.
Silver forward	182	1	0
Gold forward	114	9	0
Silver Bullion	181	12	0
Silver Mint	182	2	0
Gold ready	114	11	0
Sovereign	75	8	0

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.

Opening prices:

Anaconda Copper Mining unquoted.

General Motors 72 3/8.

United States Steel Common unquoted.

Pref. unquoted.

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THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY has published an Order in Part I of the Bombay Government Gazette Extraordinary, dated the 21st January, 1950, amending further the Schedule to the Bombay Drugs Control Order, 1949. Copies of the Order can be obtained from the Government Book Depot, Charni Road, Bombay.

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RELAXATION OF ENTERTAINMENT ORDER

In accordance with the orders of the Government of India, the Government of Bombay have relaxed the restrictions regarding number of guests to be served with eatables on January 26 and 27, 1950, in connection with the inauguration of the Republic. Accordingly, any number of guests can be entertained on these two days provided eatables to be served do not include rationed articles.

Distribution of ice-cream made out of fresh milk is also permitted.

WASHER CLAIMS MADRAS SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Women's Title Goes To 'Gussie' Moran

Madras Jan. 24 (P.T.I.)

P. Washer of Belgium became the new All India Hard Court Tennis singles champion here today defeating Deyro of the Philippines in straight sets in the final.

Miss Gusie Moran of the United States annexed the ladies singles title, beating Mrs. Weiss of Argentina by two sets to one in the final.

Mrs. Hilton and Paish won the mixed doubles event, defeating Mrs. Weiss and Masip by two sets to nil.

Earlier both the mixed doubles finalists got walkovers in the semi-final round owing to the indisposition of Spychala of Poland and Miss Tuckey of Britain. Miss Quertier and Spychala were to have played Mrs. Hilton and Paish while Miss Tuckey and Oakley should have met Mrs. Weiss and Masip.

A grim struggle in the men's singles final was expected between Washer and Deyro on the latters easy victory over Masip of Spain in the semi-final but the Belgian walked away with the match in straight sets.

Deyro looked off colour and often netted his chops. His overhead work was also not effective and his lobbing provided easy 'kills' to his opponent, in refreshing contrast Washer was in grand form. His crosscourt drives on both fore and back hands, left Deyro standing on many occasions. His overhead smashes brooked no replies and his volleying seldom failed. He exploited his drop shots also judiciously. In short it was a victory won on merit.

The following are consolidated results:

Men's Singles (Final).

P. Washer (Belgium) beat R. Deyro (Phillippines) 6/3, 6/4, 6/2.

Women's Singles (Final(

Miss G. Moran (U. S.) beat Mrs. H. Weiss (Argentine) 6/0, 3/6, 6/1.

Women's Doubles (Semi-finals).

Mrs. B. Hilton and G. L. Paish (Britain) walkover Miss J. Quertier and C. S. Pychala (Poland).

Mrs. H. Weiss (Argentine) and P. Masip (Spain) walkover Miss K. L. A. Tuckey and G. D. Oakley (Britain).

Mrs. B. Hilton and G. L. Paish (Britain) beat Mrs. Weiss (Argentine) and P. Masip (Spain) 6/0, 6/2.

P. V. M. TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Entries Close On Sunday

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Women's Open Tennis Tournament conducted by the P.V.M. Gymkhana will commence on 31st January and will continue for eight days concluding on the 7th of February.

Entries for the tournament close on Sunday 29th January at 8 p.m. and should be sent to the Honorary Secretary of he P. V. M. Gymkhana, Miss D. S. Bastavala.

The tournament will consist as usual of two events, the women's singles and women's doubles.

SHIVAJI PARK TEAM QUALIFY FOR FINAL

Seers Cup Badminton

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Shivaji Park Gymkhana qualified for the final of the Seers Cup Badminton Tournament by virtue of their victory in the doubles this evening over the Cricket Club of India. The two teams had yesterday won one singles match each.

In the deciding doubles match this evening G. P. Shirke and M. K. Bhopardikar playing for the Dadar side easily accounted for B. P. Koppikar and P. M. D. Thakersey of the Cricket Club of India in two straight games, conceding only four and seven points in the respective games.

Third Division Hockey

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The following are the results of the matches played in Third Division of the Hockey League at Parsi Cyclists Ground:—

Chartered Bank Sports 2 (Xavier 1 D'Lima 1). Cathedral Old Boys 1 (Bhandari).

Dockyard 'C' walk over Ruia College).

In the first mentioned game Xavier was injured a few minutes before the breather. He dislocated his leg but there was no medical attendance available at the ground.

In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY

Cooperage:
4 p.m. Khalsa vs. Sydenham (Inter College)
5 p.m. Bombay Gym. vs. V.J.T.I. (Second Division)

Parsi Cyclists Ground:
3 p.m. Bombay Gas vs. GIP 'C'
4 p.m. Avery Club vs. Christ Church (Third Division)
4 p.m. Mahim Young Boys vs. B.S.N.
5 p.m. BB & CI Rly. 'B' vs. G. B. Police 'A' (Parel League)

TENNIS

Bombay Gymkhana:
3-30 p.m. Western India Championships.

BADMINTON

Willingdon Sports Club:
6 p.m. Bandra Gymkhana vs. Shivaji Park Gym. (Seers Cup Final).

VINOO MANKAD TO ASSIST C. C. I.

Four Changes Made In Team Against Tourists

z BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Cricket Club of India have made four changes in their team which will meet the Commonwealth touring side in a three-day cricket match at the Brabourne Stadium which will start on Saturday, he 27th January.

From the original team announced a fortnight back K. K. Tarapore, M. N. Raiji, R. S. Modi and G. S. Ramchand have expressed their inability to play, and their places have been taken by Vinoo Mankad, Aby Abraham M. A. Latiff and Madhu M. Amersey.

The revised team is as follows:—

K. Bose (Captain), M. K. Mantri, K. C. Ibrahim, Vinoo Mankad, U. M. Merchant, V. N. Raiji, N. H. Colah, Gajendrasingh, Aby Abraham, M. A. Latiff and Madhu M. Amersey. J. S. Lawyer has been selected as the twelfth man.

CALUTTA VARSITY IN STRONG POSITION

Baria Trophy Match Against Allahabad

ALIGARH, Jan. 24. (PTI): The Inter-University cricket tournament (North Zone final) which opened here yesterday. Calcutta University dismissed Allahabad for 110 runs and at the drawing of stumps had scored 99 runs for the loss of six wickets. The Calcutta bowlers, A. Bhattacharia, W. Shaw and P. Roy took three wickets for 39 runs. Three for thirteen and two for twenty-six runs respectively.

Though Allahabad bowlers maintained a good length and bowled well fielding lapses deprived them of wickets for 23 runs.

Scores were:—

Allahabad first innings 110 (K. Singh 37, K. Gaur 24 and D. S. Ghose 10, M. Shaw three for thirteen and Bhattacharia three for thirty-nine).

Calcutta first innings 99 for 6 wkts. (S. Roy 19, B. Chakravarti 18 and J. Mitter 14, Gaur two for twenty-three).

PAREL HOCKEY LEAGUE

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The following are the results of the matches played in the Parel Hockey League at St. Xavier's College Ground Parel:—

R.I.N. Pay Office	0
G.I.P. Railway D.	0

Panchgani Parsis 'B" 1. (B. Motiwalla) Telephone Club 0.

Refused To Be Stumped By 'Flu

Refusing to be 'stumped' by an attack of influenza, Martin Donnelly, New Zealand and Warwickshire cricketer was married last week to Miss Elizabeth Cary James at St. Michael's Square, London. Picture shows the bride and bridegroom leaving the church.

AUSTRALIA RECOVERS TO WIN "RUBBER"

Sensational Victory Over South Africa In Third Test

DURBAN, Jan. 24 (PTI-Reuter): Neil Harvey, 21-year-old Victorian left hander who toured England in 1948, saved Australia in the third Test match against South Africa here today, and enabled them to win by five wickets with 25 minutes to spare and gain the "rubber". Going in when three wickets were down for 59 runs and Australia were struggling to stave off defeat, Harvey played faultless cricket against the spin bowlers, who had every assistance from a wearing pitch, and scored 151 not out.

This was his fifth century on the tour and second in the Tests against South Africa in this series.

Harvey's innings was a brilliant effort at a time when Australia had their backs to the wall to avoid being beaten by South Africa for the first time for 40 years.

The Australians, who were 80 for 3 wickets overnight, lost their opening batsman, Arthur Morris, early this morning and with the wicket showing signs of crumbling South African hopes were high.

Sam Loxton then joined Harvey and with both batsmen defending well by getting right behind the flight of the ball, 135 runs were added for the fifth wicket. This partnership was mainly responsible for swinging the game round in Australia's favour. Loxton, who made 54, was fortunate for he gave two catches, at 19 and 31. Harvey who used his feet fearlessly to get to the pitch of the spinners on a lively wicket, batted five hours twenty-five minutes and hit 14 fours.

Australia have now won the first three Tests of this series with only two remaining to be decided. Of the 27 Tests now played between the two countries Australia have won 21 with five drawn. South Africa's only victory was at Adelaide in 1910-11.

SCORE BOARD

SOUTH AFRICA	311 and 99
AUSTRALIA (First Innings)	75
AUSTRALIA (Second Innings)	
A Morris hit wicket b Tayfield ..	44
J. Moroney l.b.w. Tayfield	10
K. Miller l.b.w. Mann	10
A. L. Hassett l.b.w. Mann	11
Harvey not out	151
Loxton b Mann	54
C. McCool not out	39
Extras	17
Total (for five wickets)	336

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
McCarthy	12	3	32	0
Watkins	6	2	10	0
Tayfield	49	5	144	2
Mann	50.6	13	101	3
Smith	5	0	32	0

INTER-COLLEGE HOCKEY

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Spin of the coin proved to be the undoing of Grant Medical College's chance to contest the Inter-College Hockey final. They lost the toss.

Once more, for the third time Grant Medical and Sydenham were concerned in a one goal draw and in order to decide the winners the Spin of the coin was used and a wrong call was made by the G. M. C. Captain.

G.I.P. LIVE TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY

Collegians Gain A Much Disputed Penalty Goal

BOMBAY Tuesday.

St. Xavier's College held G.I.P. Railway to a draw in the semi-finals of the Provincial Hockey Championship. The Collegians obtained a disputed penalty bully goal which enabled them to save their skins. G.I.P. scored the equaliser in the second half through Munir.

St. Xavier's College failed in the task of snatching a win to-day—this opportunity will not be offered to them by the Railway again. The college side had numerous scoring opportunities and due to a shaky forward line in which J. Fonseca failed to put the finishing touches to some fine centres by the wingers. The college defence once again gave a meritorious display.

For the Railwaymen Munir was the outstanding man on the field and once more scored a brilliant goal which enabled his side to live to fight another day. The Railway backs Lall Mahomed and Nabi Shah kept up a stubborn defence while Donnelly excelled in goal, like his opposite number Tony Lobo.

St. Xavier's College opened their account sensationally when a rather serious blunder appeared to have been committed by Umpire Joseph. Mulla, the Railway right half stopped a ball from a hot shot from D'Costa and the ball rolled on to his body. The ball was going out of play and to everyone's amazement a penalty bully was ordered. Mulla who took the bully with O. Ferreira obstructed Owen and a goal was awarded.

Crossing over with a goal advantage the College side were literally coming under heavy pressure applied by the Railway and after many dangerous moves Munir putting the finishing touches to a grand goal with a powerful drive. Lobo, the college custodian was now having some anxious moments and keeping his nerve he saved the day.

The teams:—

ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE "A"—A. Lobo; O. Ferreira, G. D'Souza; T. Le Febour, H. Dias, Cris Pereira L. Lobo, L. D'Costa, J. Fonseca, D. Vaz, M. D'Sa.

G.I.P. RLY. "A":— Donnelly; Lall Mahomed, Nabi Shah; Mulla, Pyare Lall, Quayyum; Kishan, A. Fernandes, Bocarro, Munir, Lyte.

TEMPTING OFFER TO 'GUSSIE' MORAN

LONG BEACH (California), Jan. 24. (PTI-Reuter): Professional tennis promoter Bobby Riggs announced here that he was going to offer Miss Gertrude Moran, American tennis star, 10,000 to 15,000 dollars to join his troupe of tennis stars in their exhibition tour starting late this year.

He said that he was going to replace Frank Parker and "Pancho" Segura with two women players, with Miss Moran his first choice. Riggs is understood to have conferred with Mrs. Todd, Miss Louise Brough, Miss Doris Hart and the young players Nancy Chaffey and Laura Lou Jahn. He has not made any of them any definite offer as yet, wanting to be sure of Miss Moran first.

Indian Table Tennis Stars Leave

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Indian Table Tennis team which will take part in the World Championships at Budapest left Bombay by Air India International's plane this afternoon.

Besides playing in the World Championships the team will visit Czechoslovakia and will also take part in the All-England Championships.

MRS. LEELA DAYAL'S GREAT VICTORY OVER MISS KHANNA

Oakley Arrives For Western India Tennis: Remaining Foreign Players Expected Today

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

LOSING the first set against Miss Khanna this evening in the Western India Lawn Tennis Championships, former Indian Champion Mrs. Leela Dayal won the next two to record a great victory in a very keen encounter.

Attention this afternoon was focussed on the arrival of the foreign tennis stars from Madras, but only G. D. Oakley of Britain reached Bombay by the afternoon plane. It is expected that the remaining players will arrive tomorrow.

In an interesting men's doubles first round match young Kunjvihari Mashruwalla and the medico K. L. Mirchandani went down fighting to better-combined pair Jit Kantawalla and C. L. Savara, but not before three gruelling sets were played.

The following were the results:—

MEN'S DOUBLES

FIRST ROUND: J. M. Kantawalla and C. L. Savara beat K. C. Mashruwalla and K. L. Mirchandani 6-4 7-9 6-2.

SECOND ROUND: J. M. Mehta and G. Vasant beat W. N. Ghorpade and A. G. Gupte 6-2 6-2; J. M. Kantawalla and C. L. Savara beat K. Wattumal and S. T. Panjwani 6-2 6-2; C. J. Cooper and K. H. Kapadia beat Capt. Pandhi and B. D. Dhalla 6-2 6-2; M. Hanumantha Rao and P. G. Gogate beat L. Kapadia and P. S. Vakil 6-0 6-2; I. N. Laljee and L. H. Shivdasani beat H. J. H. Talyarkhan and Swaminathan 6-2 6-4.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

SECOND ROUND: Mrs. Leela Dayal beat Miss P. Khanna 2-6 6-3 6-0

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

FIRST ROUND: Mrs. B. J. Stewart and Mrs. K. Singh beat Mrs. Walford and Mrs. Wilson 6-0 6-0.

WESTERN INDIA PLATE

FIRST ROUND: K. V. Rai beat A. B. Williams 6-0 6-1; A. M. Shetty w.o. K. M. Patnaik; R. N. Bhagwat w.o. Devinder Kumar; H. Hanumantha Rao w.o. A. G. Gupte; W. N. Ghorpade w.o. Baldev; L. Kapadia w.o. U.S. Bangera; S. G. Inamdar w.o. G. A. McRae.

FIXTURES FOR WEDNESDAY

COURT NO. 2: 3-30 p.m. R. Pandhi vs. G. Vasant 4 p.m. A. M. Shetty and K. V. Rai vs. G. D. Oakley and K. Mahindra Singh 4-30 p.m. J. M. Mehta and G. Vasant vs. C. J. Cooper and K. H. Kapadia.

COURT NO. 3: 3-30 p.m. Miss L. Woodbridge vs. Mrs. S. Bhatnagar 4 p.m. Rasikumar Wankaner and Fatesinghji of Kutch vs. R. Walton and G. A. McRae 4-30 p.m. Miss Kundaji and Miss S. Bhatt vs. Miss Woodbridge and Miss Merchant.

COURT NO. 4: Mrs. Singh and Spychala vs. G. P. Gogate and Mrs. Gogate 4-45 p.m. Hanumantha Rao and Partner vs. G. D. Oakley and Miss Tucky.

COURT NO. 5: 3-30 p.m. A. M. Shetty vs. R. N. Bhagwat 4 p.m. H. K. L Mistry vs G. D. Bhagat 4-30 p.m. Lt. Comdr. Sanjana vs. W. N. Ghorpade.

COURT NO. 6: 4 p.m. L. Kapadia vs. S. G. Inamdar.

To play on first available court: J. M. Kantawalla and Miss Khanna vs. Miss Merchant and Partner.

MAXIM HAS A SLIGHT PULL ON WEIGHTS

LONDON, Jan. 24. (PTI-Reuter): Joey Maxim, American challenger, had an advantage of a pound and a quarter over Freddie Mills, the holder, when they weighed in this afternoon for their world lightheavyweight championship fight, which is being staged at the Earl's Court Stadium, London tonight. Mills scaled 173 pounds and Maxim 174 and a quarter of a pound.

ACCEPTANCES FOR SUNDAY'S RACES

The following are the acceptances of Bombay Races, Second Day, to be run on Sunday, 29th January, 1950.

THE MYSORE PLATE. Division II. —Distance 6 furlongs.

The Roarer 8-12, The Coward 8-12, Firdaussi 8-12, Aerex 8-12, Pop 8-12, All-in-All 8-12, Othello 8-12, Hangover 8-12, Aawaz 8-12, Imros 8-12, Jester King 8-12, Kiyababa 8-12, Pahili Mulakhat 8-12.

THE MYSORE PLATE. Division III Distance 6 furlongs.

Suleman Baig 8-12, Starshell 8-12, Liberator 8-12, Windsor Toy 8-12, Al Mohalab 8-12, Janab-E-Ali 8-12, Prometheus 8-12, Gun Drill 8-12, Count Bobby 8-12, Eremitage 8-12, Homestretch, Sajan 8-12, Triumph 8-12, Wedding Day 8-12, Radio Star 8-12. Hirohito 8-12.

THE J. ROBINSON PLATE. Division II—Distance 1 mile 1 furlong.

Lira Malt 9-0, Princessa 8-13, Broken Mask 8-12, Mack 8-10, Dominate 8-9, Filmindia 8-8, Flying Miss 8-8, Shah Nawaz 8-7, Mardan 8-7, Bihari 8-6, Sir Galahad 8-6, Battling Admiral 8-6, Untamed Prince 8-5, Show On 8-4, Fashion Parade 8-3, Afiatoon 8-2.

THE MYSORE PLATE. Division I. —Distance 6 furlongs.

The Duke 8-12, Dil-Ki-Bat 8-12, Greek Star 8-12, Casanova 8-12, Gold Spa 8-12, Musketeer 8-12, Al Hamil 8-12, Choppy 8-12, Pardesi 8-12, Banswale 8-12, Moonlight and Shadows 8-12.

THE INDIAN DERBY, (1950).—Distance 1 1/2 miles.

Mansoor 9-0, Desert Kid 9-0, Masquerade 9-0, Desert Knight 9-0, Summer Lightning 9-0, The Cavalier 9-0, Mansoor Beg 9-0, Your Majesty 9-0, Play On 9-0, Rustum 9-0, Der-Nue-Way 9-0, Prince of Mahad 9-0, Gamble for Love 8-11, Neola 8-11, Rukhsana 8-11.

THE JASDAN CUP.—Distance 6 furlongs.

Royal Flower 9-4, Manisha 8-13, Shubh Laxmi 8-9, Truman 8-8, Who's That 8-6, Rustum 8-5, Queen Anne 8-5, Titli 8-4, Pride d'Antibes 8-5, Repartee 8-4, Flying Clipper 8-4, Yearling 8-3, Put All 8-3, Georgie 7-6, Sweet Maryla 8-3, Queen of Gwalior 8-2, Sweetie Shah 8-1, Deuce of Clubs 8-0, Find Out 7-12.

THE MATHRADAS GOCULDAS CUP.—Distance 7 furlongs.

Shan-E-Hind 10-5, Snehprabha 7-4, Paper King 9-3, Billet Doux 9-2, Asoka 8-11, Liberty Belle 8-7, Zam Zam 8-6, Royal Crusader 8-4, Quicksand 8-4, Coup d'Etat 8-3, New Moon 7-12, Gay Pilot 7-10, Full House 7-2, Kirti 7-0, Abbess 7-0.

THE J. ROBINSON PLATE. Division I.—Distance 1 mile 1 furlong.

Embarkation 9-0, The Judge 8-11, Gold Legion 8-10, Musafir 8-9, Panditji 8-8, Lerins 8-8, Pan Supari 8-6, Saita 8-6, Indra Mohini 8-5, Valiant Prince 8-5, Navroze 8-4, Just Wait 7-13, Par Excellence 7-12, Triple Alliance 7-11, Lady Cleopatra 7-8.

THE BULSAR PLATE. Division II. —Distance 1 1/4 mile.

Morning 9-3, Nature Boy 8-12, Brilliant Sunshine 8-6, Rajaji 8-5, Army and Navy 8-5, Yemin-ul-Mulk 8-0, Miss Rutty 7-11, Whirlpool 7-11, Striding Edge 7-9, Jai Malhar 7-9, Jahan Zaib 7-6, Desert Queen 7-4, Happy Queen 7-4.

THE BULSAR PLATE. Division I.—Distance 1 1/4 mile.

Pelion 9-6, The Conqueror 9-1, Battle Out 8-12, Ma Cherie 7-12, Luminary 8-11, Torrent 8-11, Gipsy Bill 8-10, Abdel 8-8, Shivneri 8-7, Adorable 8-6, Ijjat 8-5, Kotidhwaj 8-5, Lalaji 8-4, Chrissie Darling 7-12, Basilian 7-12, Ajinkya Tara II 7-12, Shah of Iran 7-11, Hercules 7-10, Maniana 7-8, Royal Highness 7-8.

Another Ponsford In The Field

BY M. LAWRENCE

(Exclusive To The Bombay Chronicle)

HAPPIEST man in Australia one recent week-end was former champion Test bastman Bill Ponsford. The reason was the fine performance of his son, 21-years-old Ponsford Jr., on his second appeartnce in district cricket in Melbourne.

Playing for Melbourne Firsts against Prahran, Ponsford, jr. scored 55 in 91 minutes. Oldtimers present considered he placed the ball well and showed judgment in picking the right ball to hit.

According to his proud father, young Bill has always been tremendously keen on cricket, works hard at the nets, and is making steady improvement. He joined Melbourne, his father's old club, when he was 17, and played for two seasons with the Thirds then two seasons in the Seconds—the way most young cricketers get into senior cricket in Australia.

He was promoted to the Firsts for one game last season, but struck a wet wicket and failed to score. He got his chance this season in the absence of Colin McDonald, opening batsman, who was playing for Victoria, and followed his 55 with 3 and 24 not out. As Melbourne has the strongest batting team in the district competition, young Ponsford will have to show extra good form to hold his place when McDonald returns.

The Melbourne Cricket Club and 13 other clubs representing suburbs of the city of Melbourne compete in the Saturday afternoon district competition. First grade district cricket ranks next in standard to interstate cricket, the State's teams being chosen from the best performers in the Saturday games.

Ponsford Sr. is an official of the Melbourne Cricket Club, and goes along to watch and advise the Melbourne players at their twice weekly practice at the nets. While correcting his son's faults, he has made no attempt to alter the boy's natural game.

Like his father, young Bill is an opening bat and righthander. Facially he is the image of the great Ponsford, but there is little similarity between their batting styles. He works at the bank which employed his father at the beginning of his cricket career.

Australia has never produced a father-son combination of the class of the Nourses of South Africa and the Hardstaffs and Tates of England, though it has had many great cricketer-brothers—including the Gregorys, Hills, Trotts, Giffens, McLeods, Duffs and the Harveys. A member of Australia's first Test team, Tommy Horan, had two sons who played for Victoria. The great Victor Trumper's son played a few games as a fast bowler for New South Wales, while a lad who may go further is Bert Ironmonger's son, now playing for St. Kilda in the Melbourne district competition.

Australia has had few greater or more popular cricketers than Bill Ponsford, whom most bowlers considered the hardest of all batsmen—not even excluding Bradman—to bowl to. Learie Constantine said that "in a big game Ponsford is worth two of any other batsmen I have seen," while Ray Robinson considered him the world's best player of slow bowling. A lot of sportsmen are hoping that his son will be the next Australian second-generation cricketer to make his name in first-class cricket.

Port Trust Workers Annual Sports

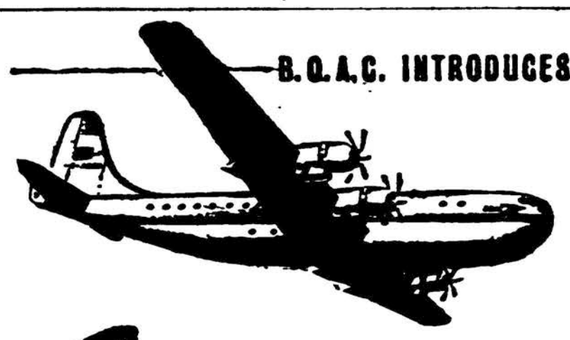
BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Annual Sports of the workers of the Bombay Port Trust residing in Antop Village and Wadala Railway colony were held on Sunday the 22nd January 1950 at 5 p.m. at Antop Village Park. Mr. Gholap, I.C.S., Chairman, Bombay Port Trust presided. The programme included finals of some of the heats, wrestling, mass drill by School children and tent erection by Port Trust scouts.

Mr. Gholap in his presidential address congratulated the Labour Department on its work amongst the workers and missionery spirit displayed by its members in their approach to labourers. He exhorted the workmen to attain higher standards of cleanliness, efficiency and thinking. He assured them that he would personally interest himself in Port Trust labour and try to do whatever was possible for him to do in the right direction. Mrs. Gholap distributed prizes to 66 prize winners.

Television Tower On Empire State Building

NEW YORK, Jan. 24 (PTI-Reuter): A 199-foot, television tower is to be created on top of the world's tallest building—the 102 storey Empire State Building.



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FURTHER RISE IN TATA STEELS ON ACTIVE BUYING

Steady Improvement In Mill Shares

Firmer conditions prevailed on the local Stock Exchange today with increased short covering prior to holidays. The market is inclined to look for further increase in steel production for January and naturally the market is well supported.

Tata Steel Defd. shares opened at Rs. 1670 and improved at Rs. 1682. At this level the market steadied and Defds. lost 2 points at Rs. 1680, but again firmed up at Rs. 1692 on renewed support. Once again profit-taking checked further improvement and Defds. came down at Rs. 1685 but moderate support improved Defds. at Rs. 1690. Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 337 and improved at Rs. 339 Bengal Steels opened at Rs. 23/1 and quietened at Rs. 22/15.

Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 1117/8 and after declining at Rs. 1115/- advanced at Rs. 1122/- but reacted at Rs. 1117/8. Kohinoors opened at Rs. 311 and after advancing at Rs. 315 steadied at Rs. 314. Nagpur Shares opened at Rs. 265 and after advancing at Rs. 268 steadied at Rs. 266. Simplex Shares opened at Rs. 209 and after improving at Rs. 211, steadied at Rs. 210. Swadeshi Mill Shares opened at Rs. 282 and after improving at Rs. 285 were quoted at Rs. 284.

Later on the market was firm and Tata Steel Defds. advanced at Rs. 1707/8 on buying orders from Ahmedabad but increased profittaking resulted in setback at Rs. 1697/8. Ordinary shares were quoted at Rs. 343. Bank shares were steady with mixed trading.

Towards the close Tata Steel Defds. were done at Rs. 1702 and Ordinary Shares were quoted at Rs. 342. Closing tone was very steady.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES		
Bombay Dyeing (10-8)	1125	0
Kohinoor Mills (4-2)	314	8
Svadeshi Mills (12-4)	285	8
Central India Mills (6)	266	0
Simplex Mills (9-8)	209	0
New Great Eastern (9)	167	0
Indore	123	12
Gokak Mills (12)	286	0
Century Spinning (15)	236	4
Swan Mills (20)	322	0
Indian Bleaching (6)	148	8
Finlay Mills (15)	282	0
Morarji Goculdas (8)	435	0
Edward Sassoon (30)	238	13
Meyer (12)	112	8
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	2	13
India United Ord. (0-12-0)	12	6 6
India United Defd. (0-12-0)	1-15-0	
Madhusudan (15)	175	0
Podar (8)	145	0
Khatau Makanji (5)	190	0
Swadeshi Coupon	70	0
STEEL SHARES		
Tata Steel Ord. (14)	342	0
Tata Steel Defd. (64-13)	1702	8
Tata Steel 2nd Pref.	138	8
CEMENT		
Associated Cement (8)	162	0
INDUSTRIES		
Burma (12-8) XD	381	4
Belapur Sugar (9)	229	0
Shivrajpur Syndicate (1-8)	31	8
Scindia Steam (0-8)	13	14
Premier Construction	98	0
Tata Chemical	12	2
Tata Oil (2)	54	0
Indian Iron (1) XD	31	10
Bengal Steel (0-12)	23	0
Bengal India Corp. (9-9)	9-6-6	
Indian Copper	2-8-6	
Wimco	213-12	
Alcock	281	4
ELECTRIC SHARES		
Tata Power (25)	1547	8
Tata Hydro (3)	155	0
Andhra Valley (25)	1450	0

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS		
Elphinstone Mills (5)	60	0
[illegible]	150	0
Indian Mfg.	2920	0
Kurla X D	118	12
Colaba (12)	119	0
New City (11)	186	4
Minerva (12)	138	12
Bradbury (12)	520	0
Bharucha Defd. (0-4)	3	0
Bharat Mills (2)	33	0
Mysore (4)	183	12
Madhavji	14	8
Model Mills (12-8)	176	4
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	678	12
Vishnu Cotton (8)	226	4
Western India (40)	2920	
Standard (15)	227	
Shrinivas Mills (S)	267	8
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8)	11	
Hindustan Mills (40)	4000	
Tata Mills (2-4)	59	12
Ahmedabad Advance (9)	251	4
New Timesdale	190	
Sassoon Silk (3 XD)	32	1
New Union Mills (0-8)	15	14
Madhusudan S (2-8)	35	
Shrinivas Mills (S)	171	
Raja Bahadur (4)	62	
Berar Mills	250	0
Victoria Mills	228	
ELECTRIC (CASH)		
Ahmedabad Electric (1-8)	131	4
Ahmedabad New	76	12
Surat Electric	130	0
Karachi Electric (2)	136	14
Broach (0-5)	6	12
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10	2
Amalgamated (0-2)	11	2
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	26	8
Poona Electricity Supply (8)	140	10
Bombay Suburban (3)	153	12
Bombay Suburban New	85	0
BANK SHARES		
Imperial Bank of India XD	1760	0
Imperial Bank P. (6-12) XD	442	8
Central Bank (1-8)	84	8
Central Bank New (1-8)	85	0
Bank of India (4)	180	0
Union (0-3)	7	3
Baroda (2-8)	121	0
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	37	8
United Commercial (1-8)	49	8
Jaipur Bank (1-5)	35	
Hindustan Commercial	17	
Mysore Bank (8)	305	0
Eastern Bank (0-14-6)	94	0
INSURANCE SHARES		
Oriental (125)	4475	0
Empire (10)	571	
New India (1-7)	61	0
Jupiter (0-12)	13	0
Vulcan (0-10)	13	0
Indian Mercantile (2)	36	8
Universal (0-4)	11	
B I G (1)	14	12
Industrial and Prudential	26	8
Neptune	7	0
New Great	25	0
All India General	12	12
RAILWAY SHARES		
G.P. (1-14) XD	113	8
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES		
Steamer (103)	247	8
Bombay Burma New (5) XD	127	8
Burma Petrol	1	5 3
Mackenzie (6)	90	0
Port Canning (3)	60	8
Kemp and Co. (30)	362	8
Ciba Pharmacy (7)	125	0
Industrial Invest Trust (5-12)	87	0
Dharamsey Chemical (2)	43	0
Mukund Iron	13	0
Dena Trust (0-12)	17	0
Alembic (15)	150	0
Supreme Industries	72	8
Bombay Uganda	67	8
Bombay Motor Cycle	28	0
Indian Cement (1937)	171	4
Walchand Nagar Industries (B. S.)	135	0
United Motor	28	0
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)	880	0
Hydary Construction	19	10
Mahmadi Steam	96	0
Sardar Carbonic X.D.	700	0
Harvey Press	310	0
Gujarat Motor	26	8
Estrella Batteries	30	8
Manmac Press	120	0
National Rayon	54	0
PREFERENCE SHARES		
Tata Steel 1st (6)	201	4
Andhra Valley (7)	1240	0
Tata Power (7-8)	1340	0
Hydro Electric (7)	128	12
Bombay Steamer (6)	220	0
Central India (5)	655	0
Swedeshi Mills	130	0
Vishnu Mills (7)	650	0
Lakshmi Mills	270	0
New Great Mills (5-8)	220	
Podar Mills (4)	105	10
Shrinivas Mills	98	0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	106	4
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	318	0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	130	
Pre Construction First	100	8
Pre Construction 2nd Pref.	98	0
Amalgamated	115	0
Hasit	72	
Tata Chemical	125	0
Walchandnagar	130	
Jupiter	13	4
Supreme	100	0
Meyer	102	8
Mackenzie (1st)	85	0
Mackenzie (2)	80	0
Ahmedabad Advance	127	8
Mysore Mill	80	4
Standard	99	0
Madhusudan	12	0
Khatau	97	8
Morarji	94	8
National Rayon	73	8
DEBENTURES		
Andhra 1952	103	8
Gula Kajamsingh	8	0
Rubber Planting	17	0
Bombay Steamer	97	0
Indian Hume Pipe	101	8
Tata Power 1951	103	0
Walchandnagar	106	8
OUTSIDE SHARES		
Burma Corporation	2	9
New Victoria	2	4
New Victoria 2 (Pref)	4	4
Palton (8)	118	0
Gold Mohor	302	8
New Kaiser Hind	325	0
Sajjan Mills X.D.	150	0
Osmanshahi (16)	250	0
Azamshahi	280	0
Air India Tata	65	0
Air Services	4	8
Hind Motors	5	1
Indian Steam	8	0

GOLD AND SILVER

BOMBAY, Jan. 24.

The Board has decided to demand a margin of Rs. 500 on each silver bar purchased and when prices go below Rs. 170 sellers will have to pay the deposit of Rs. 500. Similarly a deposit of Rs. 7 per tola on gold will have to be paid by the buyer when price goes above Rs. 120 and the same amount will have to be paid by sellers when prices decline below Rs. 106.

This decision will bring some relief but at present there are no imports of gold as well as silver and when supplies are short, the margin system must be made applicable to all forward transactions, if the trade is to be saved from exploitation and manipulation. At present the market has no useful function beyond speculative enterprise but most of the members being speculators and the Government has sympathetic attitude towards them so real measures will not be introduced and the market will be left open to gamblers.

The call for margins have had no effect on the market as bulls have ample financial resources. Maha delivery silver opened at Rs. 181/8 and after declining at Rs. 181/- advanced at Rs. 182 and steadied at Rs. 181/14. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 181/14. Maha delivery Gold was quoted at Rs. 114/15 and ready gold was placed at Rs. 115/2 while Sovereigns were quoted at Rs. 75/4.

Thereafter Silver advanced at Rs. 182/14 and finally closed as under:—

	Rs.	as.	p.
Ready Silver	182	2	0
Maha dely.	182	0	0
Ready Gold	114	8	0
Maha dely.	114	8	0

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, Jan. 24.

The local produce market was steady today with restricted business. There are no sellers in the market and traders are awaiting result of Delhi talks. Quotations were as under:

GROUNDNUTS—			
Quality Receipts	Rs.	40 12	0
Bold Ready		39 12	0
Oil Bombay Mills		22 4	0
Oil Up-country Mills		21 10	0
LINSEED—			
Indore		36 8	0
Bold		36 4	0
Satna		35 4	0
February-March		35 12	0
March-April		35 0	0
April-May		34 12	0
Oil		21 2	0
CASTORSEED—			
January Delivery		26 8	0
Ready		26 2	0

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, January 24.

2 1/2 per cent. 1954	98	14	0
2 1/2 per cent 1950	100	5	0
2 1/2 per cent 1955	99	14	0
2 1/2 per cent 1961	96	14	0
2 1/2 per cent 1960	99	10	0
2 3/4 per cent 1962	99	2	0
2 3/4 per cent 1973	95	14	0
3 per cent Con	97	8	0
3 per cent 1951-54	101	7	0
3 per cent 1952-55	101	12	0
3 per cent 1957	101	12	0
3 per cent 1959-61	101	3	0
3 per cent 1963-65	100	5	0
3 per cent 1966-68	100	3	0
3 per cent 1970-75	100	1	0
2 1/2 per cent 1954-59	104	6	0
3 1/2 per cent 1960-70	110	4	0
4 1/2 per cent 1950-55	101	6	0
4 1/2 per cent 1958-60	110	6	0
4 1/2 per cent 1963-66	113	0	0
PROVINCIAL LOANS			
3 per cent Bombay 1962	99	4	0
2 3/4 per cent C P 1961	97	1	0
2 3/4 per cent Madras 1961	97	1	0
3 per cent Bombay 1955	100	8	4
3 per cent Bombay 1958	100	4	0
3 per cent Punjab 1952	99	0	0
3 per cent Madras 1952-53	100	6	0
3 per cent C P 1952	100	6	0
3 per cent U P. 1952	100	6	0
3 per cent N.W.F 1952	98	2	0
3 per cent U P. 1961-68	99	12	0
3 1/4 per cent Municipal 1977	99	0	0
4 per cent B P T. tong dated	109	12	0
4 per cent Bombay Muni	109	8	0
5 p.c Bombay Muni 1959	114	0	0
6 per cent Bom Municipality 1954	113	8	0
6 per cent K P T 1956	113	12	0

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

BOMBAY, Jan 24.

Quotations at 2-00 p.m.:—

Tata Ordinary 340, Tata Deferred 1688-12, Indian Iron 31-7, Steel Corpn. of Bengal 22-15, Bombay Dyeing 1117-8, Central India 265, Gokak 287-8, Kohinoor 314-6, Simplex 210, Swadeshi 284-6, Tata Power 1547-8, Associated Cement 162-8, Belapur 229-6, Bombay Burma (Old) 381-14, Scindia 14-1 Central Bank 84-8, New India 61, Tata 2nd Pref. 138-2.

New York Cotton March Highest 31.19 at 14-20 hours, Lowest 31.04 at 10-00 hours.

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, Jan. 24.

MILLS

Apollo 2|13
Bharat 32|12 32
B. Dyeing 1115 25 17|8 25 20 25
C. India 267 66 65 67 65 69 66
Century 235 36|4
Colaba 119
Elphinstone Ord 60
Finlay 280 83 82
Gokak 287 88 85 86
I. U. Defd 1|15 1|14|6 1|15
I.U. Ord 12|5 12|8 12|6 12|6|6
Indore 122|8 26|4 22|8 23|12
Kohinoor 312|8 12 15 14 15 14 14|8
Laxmi 678|12
Model 176|4
New Great 166 67
Podar 145
Simplex 209 10 9
Svadeshi 283 85 84 87 84 85|8
Swan 322
Tata Mills 59|12
Vishnu 226|4
Ahmedabad Advance 250 51|4
Scindia 14|2 14|4 14|1|6 14|4 14|1 14|2 13|14|6 14 13|14
Baroda 121
Central 84 84|8
Central New 85
Imperial Old 1760
India 181 80
Union 7|2
U. Commercial 49|8
Ahmedabad 131|4
Andhra Pref 1237|8 40
Ajmer 10|3 10|2
B. Suburban 154|6
Hydro 155|8 55
Hydro Pref 128|12
Power 1547|8
Power Pref 1340
I. Mercantile 36|8
New India 61.
Vulcan 13.

SPECIAL

B. Steel 23 23/1 22/15 23/1 23.
I. Iron 31/8 31/6 31/8 31/7 31/10.
Tata Defd 1675 70 92/8 82 8 1707|8 1695 1702|8
Tata Ord 338 37/8 40 38 43/8 41 42.
Tata Ist Pref. 201|4.
Tata IInd Pref. 138/8 38/12 38 38/8
Alcock 281/4.
A. C. C 161/12 62/12 61.
Belapur 227 30 27/8 29.
B. B. Old 380 85 81/4 83/12 81/4.
B. B. New 127/8.
B B. Petrol 1/5 1/5/3.
B. I C. 9/8 9/6/6.
I Bleaching 148 48/8.
I. Copper 2/8/6
P Const. 98 97 99 97 9
Shivrajpur 31 31/8.
Tata Chem. 12 12/2
Tata Oil 54.
Wimco 212/8 13/12.

SPECIAL

Swadeshi Coupon 70 71.
Motor House (Gujerat) Ord. 26/8.
Laxmi Pref. 267/8.

Dyes & Chemicals

BOMBAY, Jan. 23.

DYES: Dull tone prevails in Dyes Market.

In days Sapthols and Bases which used to have generally some note worthy transactions, has also now very poor demand.

Congo: This item has further gone dull. Congo H Dark Sellers are eager to part at 4 but practically no buyer

Vat Colours: Rates rule steady. Except Green No demand for other items.

CHEMICALS

Rangolite speculators have again failed to keep Teji and high rates. Market after advancing to 6-4 had come down to 5 on Thursday morning, thereafter it improved to 5-10 and on Saturday evening it has again come down to 5.

Bleaching Caustic Rates steady. Demand dull.

Demand from upcountry very poor. Money market seems to be very tight which has brought this dullness in the market.

SAPTHOLS			
CAS		9	6
CBO		14	4
CSW		15	4
CBS		12	4
CSG		18	0
Fast Scarlet CKRC Base		12	8
Fast Scarlet CKR Base		11	8
Fast Red CB Base		13	4
Fast Red CKCR Base		12	0
Fast Garnet CKGBC Base		4	8
Fast Yellow CGC Base		8	0
Fast Corinth CB Base		10	0
Fast Orange CKGR Base		8	0
Fas Orange CGC Base		10	8
Fast Bordeaux CGP Base		15	4
Fast Bordeaux CGP Salt		7	0
Fast Scarlet CKR Salt		6	0
Fast Blue CB Salt		7	0
DIRECT COLOURS			
Direct Black Extra		5	0
Direct Green Extra		6	8
Direct Violet Extra		6	0
Direct Yellow 4GL		13	0
Direct Sky Blue Extra		10	0
Direct Rubin		5	8
Direct Orange Extra		8	0
Direct Brown		5	4
Diazo Black Extra		5	4
Chrysophenine G Extra		12	4
Benzopurpurine 4B		6	0
Tarquoise Blue G		18-8	
Delta Purpurine 5B Conc.		9	8
Congo Red H Dark (56)		4	0
SULPHUR COLOURS			
Sulphur Black 692		3	8
Sulphur Black 992		3	2
Sulphur Black HK Grains		3	6
ACID BASIC AND OTHERS			
Methylene Blue Extra		6	12
Metanil Yellow Elephant		3	4
Metanil Yellow Extra		5	8
Methyl Violet Lumps		5	0
Punkaj-Magenta MCK Lumps		8	0
Magenta Extra O		10	0
Diamond Green		9	0
Bismark Brown Extra		5	0
Crysodine Extra		4	0
Malachite Green Crystals		9	0
Auramine Extra		8	4
Acid Orange Extra		3	4
Acid Scarlet		5	8
Kumkum Scarlet		8	0
Rhodamine B Extra 500 p.c.		25	0
Soap Green		20	0
VAT FAST DYES			
Vat Blue CGD Powder		40	0
Vat Blue RSN Powder		41	0
Vat Blue Dark Blue BO		38	0
Vat Blue Brlt Green B 900		40	0
Vat Blue Brlt Green B 2100 Pow.		91	0
Vat Blue Brlt Green B 3200		165	0
Vat Magenta B Powder		45	0
Yellow 5G		47	0
Vat Olive Green B Powder		30	0
Vat Red Brown		20	0
Vat Olive Gray Powder		20	0
Vat Violet 4R Powder		65	0
Vat Violet 2R		85	0
Vat Pink R		70	0
PRINTING COLOURS			
Printosol O Conc.		22	0
Printosol CO 4B		27	8
Golden Yellow IGK		70	0
Printosol Green Paste		51	0
Rapid Red		16	0
Orange		16	0
Blue		23	0
Alizarine 20 p.c. Paste		148	0
Alizarine 100 p.c. Powder		7	8
Indigo 60 p.c. Grains		4	8
Indigo 60p.c. Grains 1 lb pkg.		5	4
CHEMICALS			
Bisulphite of Soda		72	0
Turkey Red Oil		45	0
Monopol Napthol Soap		45	0
Saitric Acid		195	0
Soda Bicarb		18	4
Ammonia Bicarb Powder		65	0
Ammonia Chloride		32	0
Soda Ash Light USA		18	0
White Sugar or Lead		145	0
Brown Sugar of Lead		115	0
Tri Sodium Phosphate		48	0
Bleaching Powder		37	0
Nitrite of Soda		60	0
Sodium Sulphide English		38	0
Sodium Sulphide Indian small		34	0
Sulphate of Alumina (Pure)		28	0
Aniline Salt		2	3
Bichromate of Potash		135	0
Bichromate of Soda		75	0
Causic Soda 1 lb pkg.		0-8-6	
Caustic Soda 450 lbs pkg.		38	8
Acetic Acid		1	1
Zinc Dust		110	0
Borax Crys		32	0
Formal De Hyde		0	6
Rangolite C		5	0

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

ALEXANDRIA, Jan. 23

KARNAK	Jan	82.75—55
	Mar.	81.50—05
	May	80.70—
ASHMOUNI	Feb	76.35—65
	Apr.	75.30—60
	Jun.	74.20+10

ART SILK YARN

BOMBAY, Jan. 24.

120	Ready Japan	5	4	0
150	Ready Japan	4	5	6
120	Ready Italy	4	12	6
150	Ready Italy	4	4	0
150	D. Box Jan.	843	0	0
150	D. Box Feb	850	0	0

N. Y. SILVER SALES

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.

SILVER: Demand broadened slightly and an estimated 175,000 ounces were sold at unchanged 73-1/2 cents a ounce.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Improves On Speculative Buying

CALCUTTA, Jan. 24 (PTI). On the Calcutta Stock Exchange today speculative shares improved as the session advanced on speculative buying and closed with small gains. Jute paper and sugar shares were quiet but steady. Coal, cement, mining, engineering and cotton shares were steady. Teas were very active and good business was done. Government Securities however were quiet and slightly shaded.

The following are today's final transactions upto 3-00 p.m.

GOVT SECURITIES: Three per cent loan 1986 97 12. Three per cent loan 1970 75 99/15 s l. Four per cent loan 1960 70 110/2 s l.

BANKS: Hindustan Commercial 26 8: United Commercial 49 4.

COTTONS: Benares Cotton 4 6: Elgin Mills 16 10. New Victoria Ordy 2 6. Ditto Pref 4 5.

COALS: Bharat Colliery 6 8: Bengal 523: Burrakur 12 12; Western Bengal 5/4.

JUTES: Anglo-India 162: Barnagore 212: Howrah 26: India 154: Cum Div Kanknarrah 162: Kinnison 175: National 24 7: Nuddea 69 8: Presidency 5 8.

ENGINEERINGS: Braithwaite and Co. 8/5: Indian Iron and Steel 31/8: Kumardhubi Eng. 8/3: Marshalls 6/13. Steel Corp. 23 2.

MISCELLANEOUS: Burma Corp. 2/8: Indian Copper 2 8: Tavoy Tin annas eleven: Dalmia Cement 6/-0: Sone Valley Cement 6/14: Calcutta Electric 15/7: F. and C. Osler 6/8: Metal Corp. 4/14: Rohtas Industry 5/2: Titaghur Paper 34 8: India Steamship 7/15

SUGARS: Balrampore 6 3: Purtabpore 10/12: Ramnugger Cane 14/14: TEAS: Bishnauth 35/2. Dauracherra 7/4: Ct. East India 17 12; Seajuli 36 12: Terpur 22 10.

Madras Share Bazar

MADRAS, Jan. 24.

Following are today's quotations in the Madras Stock Market:—

GOVERNMENT LOANS: Three per cent Paper 97/8. Do. Three per cent 1986 97/9. Do. 1970/75 100. Government Travancore Loan Three per cent 1952/54 101/2. Government of Madras Loan Three per cent 1960 100/4.

BANKS: Travancore 14 8.

PLANTINGS: Balmadies 2. Blue Mountain 3. Cochin Malabar 4/14. Devasola 13/10. Midland 4/2. Nelliampathy 1/2. Ouchterlony 6/2. Pilangode 1/4. Thirumbadi 1/15/8. T. R. and T Co. 5/12. Vaikundam 6/12.

TEXTILES: Bagalore Woollen 245. Buckingham 151. Do. Pref. 185/4. Coimbatore CM 134. Do. Pioneer 118/8. Do. Spg. 52. Lakshmi 67 8. Madura 39/4. Mettur 327. Radhakrishna 157. Rajalakshmi 68/8. Ranga Vilas 52. Trav Rayons 4/12. Trichinopoly 10.

MISCELLANEOUS: Andhra Cement 71. F. A. C. T. 4/11. India Cement 17/14. Mettur Chem. 6/1. Mysore Chem. Fert 9.

SHIPPING NEWS

We give below the latest information regarding vessels due to arrive at and sail from Bombay under Agency of Messrs. Volkart Brothers:—

DUE TO ARRIVE AT BOMBAY

From U.S.A. Canadian Pacific Ports, via Manilla, Indonesia, Straits, Colombo, s.s. "Hoegh Silverbeam" 14th Feb. s.s. "Lawak" 15th March.

From U.S.A. Canadian Atlantic Ports, Gulf of Mexico via Mediterranean Persian Gulf and Karachi, s.s. "Raki" 15th Feb. s.s. "Hoegh Merchant" 16th Feb. s.s. "Marken" 29th March.

From Australia via Singapore, Colombo, Marmagoa, s.s. "Hoegh Silvercloud" 3rd Feb.

From North Continental and Mediterranean Ports via Karachi, s.s. "Aalsum" 1st Feb. s.s. "Hoegh Silverwave" 2nd March.

DUE TO SAIL FROM BOMBAY

For Calcutta via Colombo, Madras, s.s. Raki" 21st Feb s.s. "Marken" 3rd April. s.s. "Aalsum" 5th Feb.

For U.S.A. Canadian Atlantic Ports, via Red Sea Ports and Mediterranean, s.s. "Hoegh Silvercloud" 8th Feb. s.s. "Hoegh Silverwave" 9th March.

For Persian Gulf via Karachi, s.s. "Hoegh Silverbeam" 26th Feb. s.s. Lawak" 20th March.

For Australia via Colombo, Singapore, s.s. "Hoegh Silverlight" 29th Jan. s.s "Hoegh Merchant" 23rd Feb.

For Continental via Red Sea Ports and Mediterranean, s.s. "Loenerkerk" 25th Jan.

Decline In Wholesale Price In December

NEW DELHI, Jan. 23

Wholesale prices as measured by the official index, (base: year ended August 1939—100) declined further by 2.2 per cent to 381.6 in December, 1949, as compared with 390.2 in the previous month. Index numbers for "food articles" and "miscellaneous" fell by 7.7 and 0.4 per cent respectively to 374.1 and 609.8 and those for 'industrial raw materials' and 'semi manufactures advanced by 1.1 and 0.6 per cent to 477.4 and 336.0 respectively. The 'manufactures' index did not show any significant change from the previous month

The year 1949 witnessed an all round increase in wholesale prices. The all commodities index accordingly rose by 3.8 per cent to 381.1 in 1949 as against 367.1 in 1948 and the indices for various groups—'food articles industrial raw materials' 'semi manufactures, 'manuactures and 'miscellaneous—advanced by 4.0 7.8, 3.6, 0.9 and 8.2 per cent respectively to 389.2, 463.9, 328.3, 343.9 and 545.6 during the year

Amongst 'cereals which showed a fall of 5.4 per cent to 435, Jowar figured prominently with a drop of about 23 per cent during December, while dal arhar was mainly responsible for a decline of 4.0 per cent in the index for 'pulses' which stood at 382 against 398 in the preceding month. Salt remaining unaltered all other food articles—Tea coffee, sugar and gur registered falls as a result of which the sub-group index for 'others' declined by 12.3 per cent to 284.

SEVEN-POINT PLAN TO IMPROVE ECONOMY

Merchants Chamber's Memo To Government

BOMBAY, Tuesday (PTI).

THE Committee of the Indian Merchant's Chamber Bombay, in a communication to the Government of India, has outlined a seven-point plan of work to overcome the deteriorating economic conditions in the country.

The Committee's suggestions are —

(1) To rationalise productive resources and capacity in a manner which would ensure the attainment of a higher state of self-sufficiency and concentration on the production of food and industrial raw materials like cotton and jute, and on the provisions of clothing and housing for the people and postponement of ideological or experimental expenditure.

(2) To assist capital formation and investment support for developing and expanding industries and increasing production by reviewing the taxation structure and making the incidence of direct taxation less severe.

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(3) To induce psychologically favourable conditions for venture capital being employed in fresh enterprise and activity by lifting the pall of uncertainty in regard to official policy in economic spheres caused by the past hasty and unorthodox decisions in matters of long-term policy by a greater attempt to precisions and a forthright acknowledgement of the practical realities of the situation.

(4) To adjust the pace of labour legislation and welfare measures to the capacity of the industries concerned to bear the burdens consequent upon them.

(5) To stimulate increased productivity per worker in an effort to reduce the pressure of costs on prices by increasing efficiency and output.

(6) To bring about greater coordination in the taxation and financial policies as between the Central Government and the Provinces, so that the action taken or taxes levied in the provincial sphere do not, directly or indirectly, contribute to the raising of the general price structure.

(7) To reduce to the minimum, governmental interference in industrial activities and replace it by proper guidance and stricter supervision.

DISEQUILIBRIUM

The Committee stated that "the economic conditions have been causing much anxiety and a feeling of concern to all who notice the fast deterioration in economic activities in the country." The Committee was convinced that, apart from world factors and the general depression in trade and industry all over, there were special causes which had been responsible and were accentuating the disequilibrium in India.

Stressing the importance of a reorientation of the policy of both the Central and Provincial Governments in the sphere of public finance so as to secure greater budgetary equilibrium and to eliminate chances of large uncovered deficits, the Committee expressed the opinion that this would necessitate regulation of public expenditure according to essential priorities.

In that context, the Committee said provincial governments would have to readjust their commitments and expenditure both in the sphere of development and reconstruction and in the sphere of social welfare activities.

PROHIBITION

Referring to the question of enforcement of prohibition, the Committee pointed out that while the desirability of the reform was not disputed, it was obvious that in the light of the overall picture of the public finance of the country at the moment, the pace and the stages of the enforcement should not be pushed in such a manner as to create a sudden setback and a wide gap in the budgetary position of the Provinces concerned.

The Committee desired that the Government of India should impress upon the provincial governments the need for caution and restraint in planning and pursuing welfare measures.

The Committee assured the Government however, that in the achievement of the tasks ahead, the Indian commercial and industrial community would extend their whole-hearted co-operation in the true spirit of a national endeavour

ACTIVE BUYING IN N. Y. COTTON

Futures 7 To 13 Points Higher

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.

Opening gains were extended in active dealings with prices at new highs for the season the strength of the textile and spot markets and continued good export prospects with India and Japan reported in the market last week on a fairly large scale the supporting factors. Trade price-fixing on mill and export accounts helped near months and commission houses supported new crops. The market finally closed steady with persistent dribbling trade buying and abort covering finding contracts scarce with continued emphasis on bullish loan influences, textile news and export prospects. Profit taking sales furnished the bulk of contracts with sales estimated at 140,000 bales.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Jan. 23.	
March	31.15+13
May	31.22+12
July	30.76+10
October	28.85+07
December	28.75+07
Middling Spot	32.08+11

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York, Jan. 23	
March	31.03+12
May	31.15+13
July	30.65+08
October	28.78+08
Middling Spot	31.15+15

Wall Street Market Quietly Steady

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.

Wall Street closed steady today although the composite average rate showed a minor loss. During the morning many operators continued to stand by, watching the coal situation and awaiting Truman's tax message. Narrow fluctuations both ways were recorded and in restricted dealings losses by noon claimed a slight advantage. They included selected chemicals, oils, motors, farm implements and electric manufacturers. The President's tax message when released had little influence on the market as there were indications that his tax proposals were meeting a cool reception from Congress.

Oils and minings however turned mostly fractionally lower on his call for reduced depletion allowance; but a partial recovery ensued when top-ranking legislators forecast this would meet particular trouble in Congress. Final dealings produced no important changes in the markets trading pattern.

WALL STREET

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First President Of Indian Republic

DR. RAJENDRA PRASAD UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED

NEW DELHI, January 25.

THE HALL OF THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY OF INDIA RANG WITH CHEERS LASTING TWO MINUTES TODAY AT A FEW MOMENTS AFTER ELEVEN A. M., GREETING THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT DR. RAJENDRA PRASAD HAS BEEN UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA.

The Returning Officer said: "I have to inform honourable members that only one nomination paper has been received for the office of the President of India. The candidate is Dr. Rajendra Prasad (loud cheers) and his nomination has been proposed by Pandit Nehru (cheers) and seconded by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (more cheers). Under Sub-Rule (1) of Rule 8 of the President of India Election Rules, I hereby declare the honourable Dr. Rajendra Prasad to be duly elected to the office of the President of India."

Loud and prolonged cheers greeted the announcement, some merbers thumping the table with both hands with all their might. Prof. Shibbanlal Saksena thumped on the table with one hand and on the back of his neighbour with his other. Even the Marshal smiled broadly and joined in the cheering.

The Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, offering his "respectful congratulations" to Dr. Rajendra Prasad, said amidst cheers, "It is more than three years since we began the work of this Constituent Assembly under your leadership and during these three years, much has happened which has changed the face of this country. We have faced turmoil and crisis repeatedly, but we have gone on with this work of making the constitution for the Republic of India. And now we have accomplished that task. That chapter is closed. Fresh labours await us.

"Another chapter begins in a day two. Not only have we had experience of your able leadership during these three years of great difficult, but many of us have known you for over thirty years or so as a soldier of India ever in the forefront in the battle of freedom. So we welcome you, Sir, as our leader, as the head of the Republic of India and as a comrade who has faced without flinching all the crises and troubles that have confronted this country during the past generation. One task is accomplished today in this Assembly and this Assembly will cease to be, having done its work, or rather, it will emerge as the Parliament of the Republic of India.

"One dream that we dreamt for years past has been realised, but we confront again other dreams and other tasks, perhaps more arduous than the one we have already faced. It is a comfort for us all to know that in these future tasks and struggles, we shall have you as the head of this Republic of India. May I pledge my loyalty and fealty to this Republic of which you will be the honoured President." (Loud applause).

RED LETTER DAY

The Deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, described the occasion as "sacred" and said, "You have been elected as the head of the State by the unanimous will of the representatives of the nation (cheers. I endorse every word that has fallen from the lips of the Prime Minister."

Sardar Patel went on, " It is a red letter day in the history of India. Under your distinguished leadership, the country will attain the status which it deserves amongst the nations of the world. May God give us all the good sense to give you our unreserved loyalty and complete co-operation in the heavy task ahead. May all of us swim together in the stormy seas that we have to cross in the future.

"You have by your affectionate temperament and by your goodness won the heart of every section of not only this House, but of the people of the country at large, and you rightly deserve the honour that has been conferred on you". (Cheers).

BE BRIEF

Dr. Rajendra Prasad requested members who insisted on speaking to confine their remarks to as few sentences as possible. He said, "It is embarrassing for me to be sitting here and listening to speeches which will contain sentiments hardly deserved by me".

Mr. B. Das (Orissa), Dr. H. C. Mookerjee, the Indian Christian leader, Mr. Hussain Imam (Bihar) and Mr. Muniswami Pillay (Madras) offered their congratulations.

Mr. Das said, "It is God's will that you should guide our destiny'. Dr. Mookerjee said that Dr. Prasad was the choice not only of the dominant political party, but of the whole nation. Mr. Hussain Imam said: "All of us without distinction of caste or creed congratulate you from the bottom of our hearts'.' Mr. Pillay recalled Dr. Prasad's services to the Harijans.

Following repeated requests from Dr. Prasad, members agreed not to make more speeches.

ANOTHER STAGE

Replying to the congratulations, Dr Prasad said, "We have after a long struggle reached one stage and now another stage begins. It has been your kindness to place on me a very heavy responsibility. I have always held that the time for congratulations is not when a man is appointed, but when he retires and I would like to wait until the moment comes when I have to lay down the office which you have conferred on me, to see whether I have deserved the confidence and the goodwill which have been showered on me from all sides.'

Dr. Prasad recalled that he and the Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister had worked together for more than a quarter of a century, and said, I know that I have the goodwill of all the members of this house and of a very large circle of friends outside and I feel confident that by the joint efforts of all, the duties which have been imposed on me will be discharged to their satisfaction. The country today faces very many problems which require even greater devotion and sacrifice than in the past. I can only hope that it will throw up men and women who will be able to shoulder the burden and fulfil the highest aspirations of our people. May God give us the strength to do that." (Loud cheers).

Dr. Prasad certified the Hindi translation of the constitution presented by Mr. Ghanshyam Singh Gupta, Chairman of the Hindi Translation Committee. The work of translating and publishing the constitution in other languages, said Dr. Prasad, had not been completed.

Members were then called upon to sign two calligraphed and illuminated copies of the constitution in English and Hindi and a third copy printed in English.

SIGNING

Dr. Prasad said that members would sign the copies in the order in which they were sitting, but as the Prime Minister had to leave the House immediately on public duty, he would be asked to sign first. Pandit Nehru was cheered as he signed the copies and shook hands with the President. Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya, Congress President, who occupied the first seat, signed next amidst cheers.

Members started crowding round the table where the copies were kept for signature and the President had to request them to resume their seats and come and sign when their names were called out.

As members clustered round the table for signing, others queued up near the presidential chair to get the President's autograph on the copies of the constitution presented to each member. One or two of the liveried servants of the Assembly also managed to get the President's autograph.

The last member signed at 1.20 P.M. and thereafter Dr. Prasad appended his signature to all the three copies in the space left blank just above that of the Prime Minister's. When Dr. Prasad was signing the copies Mr. Munuswamy Pillay stood up in his seat and began chanting a hymn in praise of Rama.

Dr. Prasad then announced that those members who did not sign today could sign the copies in the office of the Constituent Assembly,

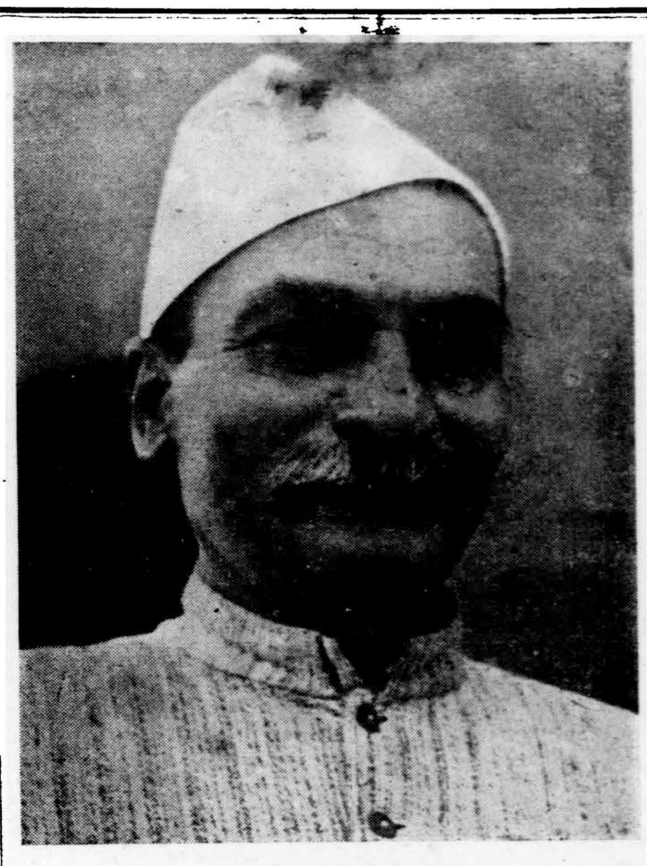
271 SIGN

In all 271 members, including the President, signed the copies of the constitution today. The strength of the House is 307, but the seven seats allotted to Hyderabad are vacant. Among those who did not sign today were Maulana Hasrat Mohani, Seth Damodar Swarup and Sardar Hukam Singh.

The members stood up to attention as Smt. Purnima Banerji sang "Jana Gana Mana", which was followed by "Vande Mataram" by Pandit Lakshmi Kant Maitra at the request of the President.

Dr. Prasad then adjourned the House "sine die" amidst cries of "Bharat Mata-ki-Jai", "Mahatma Gandhi-ki-Jai", and "Babu Rajendra Prasad-ki-Jai."

On January 26 the House automatically converts itself into the provisional Parliament of the Indian Republic.



The Gods Throw Incense

NEW DELHI, Jan. 24. (UPI).

WHILE the members were affixing their signatures on the calligraphic copies of the constitution, there was a mild drizzling outside.

This was considered by the orthodox section of the members as a good omen. They were heard to talk of the legend that the births of Lord Rama and Krishna were accompanied by mild showers.

Industrial Dispute

BOMBAY, Tuesday: The industrial dispute between the Standard Vacuum Oil Company, Bombay and its employees has been referred for adjudication to the industrial tribunal of Mr. I. G. Thakore.

ELECTORAL COLLEGE FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEES

Proposal Before A. I. C. C.

NEW DELHI, Jan. 24, (PTI).

A special session of the All India Congress Committee is meeting in New Delhi on February 18 and 19 to discuss changes in the Congress Constitution proposed by the Working Committee, it is learnt.

The Working Committee has suggested that elections of primary Congress Panchayats should be by primary members and those elected to such panchayats should form the electorate for electing members to the Congress Committees.

This change in the Constitution is expected to check the abuse of provision relating to enrolment of primary members. At present the provision is being circumvented and abused either as a result of keen personal differences or in an attempt to capture the Congress machinery. The only check against enrolment of bogus members provided for in the Constitution is through the Credential Committees.

A FRAUD

In a note circulated to the A.I.C.C. members, the Working Commitee says: From the information received, almost every qualified member is enrolling himself as an effective member. It is also seen that enlistment is being done on a competitive scale by the different Congress groups in number of Provinces. This is particularly true of certain Provinces like West Bengal, Vidarbha, East Punjab and Andhra. Such an enrolment is a fraud upon the Constitution.

The provision of the new Constitution have been adopted only to meet the criticism against the previous Constitution that there was bogus enrolment of four anna members and that rich and enterprising people used it as a means of introducing undesirable candidates in Congress elections. But now even the new provisions are being circumvented and abused.

There are two reasons for this state of affairs. One is the existence of keen personal differences among certain Congressmen. The second is the attempt to capture the Congress machinery by spending money for enlisting qualified and effective members because every effective member will be a voter for the election of the delegates to the Indian National Congress and of the members of all the Congress Committees except the Village Congress Panchayat.

The rush is all the greater this year because the new P.C.C.'s will have a direct hand in the selection of Congress candidates to the legislatures in the forthcoming general elections.

ALTERNATIVES

It need hardly be said that not even ten per cent of those who have enrolled themselves as qualified and effective members now satisfy the conditions prescribed in this behalf in the Constitution.

Such a state of affairs would not naturally result in a fair election of the Congress Committees and of the delegates. The Working Committee was, accordingly, faced with four alternatives.

(a) Extension of the life-time of the existing Committees. (b) Direct election of the Congress delegates by primary members enrolled under the new Constitution. (c) Election of primary Congress Panchayats by the primary members and those elected to such Panchayats to be the electorate for electing members to the Congress Committes other than the primary Congress Panchayats. (d) Election according to the present Constitution.

The Working Committee has favoured (c) and it has been decided to convene a special meeting of the All India Congress Committee on 18th and 19th February 1950 at Delhi to consi- amendments of the Constitution in this behalf.

The Working Committee was anxious to retain the democratic character of the organisation. Under the proposed amendments the three crores of primary members will elect the members of the village Congress Panchayats and the members of the village Congress Panchayats, who are themselves qualified members, will form the electrol college in each constituency and will elect the Congress delegates and also members to the town, taluk, thana, and the District Congress Committees.

Mayor Congratulates Dr. Prasad

BOMBAY, Tuesday: On his election to the Presidentship of the Indian Republic, Dr. Rajendra Prasad was congratulated by Shri S. K. Patil, President, B.P.C.C.

The following is the text of the telegram which Shri Patil sent to Dr. Rajendra Prasad:

"Heartiest felicitations on your unanimous election. Pray for Bharat's peace and prosperity under your wise stewardship".

LABOUR SITUATION IMPROVES

Strike Statistics

NEW DELHI, Jan. 24.

The loss to industry as measured by the number of man-days lost due to industrial disputes in November 1949 was the least recorded in 1949, although more workers were involved as compared to the previous month.

According to the statistics released by the Labour Bureau, there were 85 disputes in November as compared to 84 in October, the number of workers involved was 103,920 as against 88,827 ,but the number of man-days lost was 384,288 as compared to 577,062 in October. The average duration was 3.7 days during the month under review as compared to 6.5 days in the previous month.

Of the 85 disputes during the month sixteen were lock-outs and these accounted for a time-loss of 93,364 man-days. Twelve of these were in West Bengal and accounted for a time-loss of 84,422 man-days. Of the rest, one each was in Bombay, Delhi, Madras and the U.P.

BOMBAY IMPROVES

Bombay showed an improvement in the labour situation. The number of disputes declined from 32 to 30, the number of workers involved being 17,000 as compared 27,000 in the previous month. The number of man-days lost declined from 140,000 to 56,000.

STERLING BALANCE TALKS IN DELHI

British Delegates Expected

NEW DELHI, Jan. 24, (PTI): The British Delegation to the joint Consultative Committee on Indo-British Sterling Balance Talks is expected to arrive in Delhi on January 27, it is learnt.

The object of the visit is to carry out the usual half-yearly review with the Government of India of the working of the Sterling Balances Agreement.

The delegation will be headed by Mr. M. Fletts of the U. K. Treasury, the other member being Mr. G. Bowen of the British Board of Trade. The third member, Sir Henry Wilson Smith will not be in the delegation as he had just returned from India after a courtesy visit.

It is understood that India's drawings from the Sterling Balances were well within the limit prescribed for the half year ending December 31, 1949

IN A CHINA SHOP

By Taurus

I HAVE had quite an amusing experience. The B.E.S.T. bus which ahmles into the City from the suburbs is halted for a cursory examination by the Police on Mahim Causeway. Sometimes women trying to smuggle food-grains are asked to get down and, presumably, dealt with: sometimes, they escape I have not so far seen any case of liquor smuggling on buses, though one often notices pedestrians being divested of cycle tubes wrapped as underwear. But for some mysterious reason the Police activities are associated with Prohibition enforcement.

There is one Policeman who does his duty with an unnaturally solemn face. Four days back, I was on the bus when he came along. He passed me and stopped some six seats in front where an easygoing young fellow was lounging. Here he paused for a second and touched his shirt-front lightly. The care-free passenger sprang up in high dudgeon and protested at this indignity. But the general laughter cooled him down. Somewhat offensively, I thought, another passenger rebuked the angry one for quarrelling with a man who was only earning his Rs. 100 a month. I was sure the Policeman heard because he bristled.

Yesterday I again saw the dour Policeman stroll in for his check-up. The working women who had grain to hide, adjusted their dress so that the folds draped the bundles, as the bus creaked to a halt. Again some four seats in front sat a nonchalant passenger, his legs slightly apart and his mouth poised to squirt pan out of the window. The Policeman stopped in front of the lounger and, bending down, passed his hand on the seat between the legs of the passenger. There was an electric shooting up from his seat by the young fellow who loudly demanded the cause of this humiliation. The Policeman looked contemptuously at him and remarked, "If you sit like a smuggler, you must be properly examined." The other retorted, "Wah, under Prohibition, you have even started telling us how to sit. How should we sit in a bus?" Wisely, the Police did not descend to details but gave a general demonstration. There was much good—and bad—humoured banter in the bus, and the young objector was told to take his complaint to Mr. Morarji Desai and not to worry these hapless minions of the law.

The check-up at Mahim Causeway is a farcical procedure and I should be very surprised if offenders escape more often than they get caught. It is not the fault of the police and it is true that the very existence of a checking post makes most people law-observant if not law-abiding. And this is itself quite an advantage.

Soviet "Mind Control"—Part V

THE RESPONSES OF THE PEOPLE

By Dr. George S. Counts

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IMMEDIATELY after the release of an important resolution the Soviet press throws its entire weight to the support of the Central Committee of the Party of Lenin and Stalin.

It does this through editorials, accounts of meetings, reports of confessions, and publication of conforming resolutions and memorials to Stalin. Also it may devote pages to "responses from the people". These "responses" take the form of letters from individuals or groups, all supporting the Central Committee without limit or reservation.

This method of mind control was employed extravagantly in the propagation of the "ideological resolutions" Its nature will be revealed by a few samples from the "responses of the people" to the positions taken by the Central Committee on music and biology.

The resolution on music attacked savagely the foremost Soviet composers for "formalism" and "servility toward the West". A typical account of popular reaction states that the "Soviet people passionately approve the resolution and regard it as most timely and wise".

It then proceeds to quote from scores of letters, some of them apparently genuine, some of them obtained from the writer for the particular purpose, but most of them obviously sheer fiction.

An actress is purported to write: "I love music very much, but I cannot imagine a spiritual condition which would lead me to want to listen to the works of Shostakovich". A nurse is quoted as asking why critics have "praised music which only irritates and fatigues the listeners". Two communications workers are made to observe that the Central Committee "judged quite correctly the musical grimaces of Shostakovich". Two factory workers dispose of the compositions of Shostakovich, Prokofiev, and Khachaturian by writing: "It is impossible to discern any melody in them whatsoever; and as for sense, you get nothing at all". Two mill workers are quoted as charging that these same composers "offer to the Soviet people, under the guise of music, ear-splitting noise and racket".

WALLS MOVE

An account of the session of the Academy of Agricultural Science, where the Party made its position clear on the question of the transmission of acquired characters, reported that "it seemed as if the walls of the auditorium moved". At once "an endless torrent of telegrams, letters, and responses poured in". Inspired by "the victory of Soviet science over alien and hostile pseudo science," representatives of all occupational ranks "at the end of the working day seized the pen"

An "ordinary man" being "neither a biologist nor an agronomist", regretted that he had not been present to "help vanquish" the enemy, but he rejoiced in the fact that "a shattering blow was struck against dried-up reactionary theories both outside and within our country" Another declared, "I simply do not know how to express the feeling that beats in my breast" Yet he seemed to be able to express the universal sentiment in these words: "Permit me, not a scientist, but a plain man, to proclaim: let our own, patriotic, revolutionary, bold Stalinist Soviet science be triumphant"

This sort of sanctimonious and chauvinistic balderdash fills the pages of the Soviet press.

The mechanism by which these "responses of the people" are obtained is not entirely clear. But one may be sure that the Party network plays a central role, if indeed the letters are not written in editorial offices. One may be sure too that they are about as genuine as a Soviet election in which practically 100 per cent of the electorate vote for the same persons and measures. Clearly, if the Central Commiteee had taken the directly opposing position in any one of its resolutions, it would have received an equally unanimous and enthusiastic aporoval "from the people"

(Part VI of this six-article series deals with letters of loyalty and devotion sent to Stalin by groups fearing attack by the Party of Lenin and Stalin. It will appear tomorrow).

A Purge In Outer Mongolia

LONDON, Jan. 24, (PTI-Reuter): Marshal Choibalsam, Prime Minister of Outer Mongolia, has been relieved of the portfolios of Foreign Affairs and the Armed Forces, which he combined with the Premiership according to a Tass message received in London today.

Italy To Keep Her Colonial Army

GENEVA, Jan. 24. (PTI-Reuter): The United Nations Trusteeship Council today voted to allow Italy to keep armed forces in her former Somaliland Colony under the Trusteeship agreement by which she will administer the territory.

MUTT AND JEFF—And Jeff Hadn't Even Removed His Coat Yet — By BUD FISHER

OH BOY! WE'RE GOIN' ON A TRIP!
YEH, AN OCEAN TRIP IS SOMETHING TO GET EXCITED ABOUT, EH?
TAKE IT EASY! TAKE IT EASY! NOT SO FAST! YOU'LL GO OFF YOUR COURSE!
SEE THAT! NOW WE'RE LOST!!! -----HERE COMES A LINER!
HEY!
THIS IS THE PACIFIC!
AHOY THERE, SKIPPER! WHAT PART OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN IS THIS?
SEE THAT, YOU DOPE! I TOLD YOU NOT TO ROW SO FAST!
BUD FISHER

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